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Removes limitation on number of sobering facilities that may be registered with Oregon Health Authority.

By nature, a Sobering facility is developed through a relationship between homeless shelters, hospitals, law-enforcement, 1<sup>st</sup> responders and treatment programs. We operate from a set of protocols that keep us, the individuals we serve and other professionals safe. These protocols serve as a focal point while working with law enforcement, medical professionals and treatment programs to meet the needs of intoxicated individuals who need intervention.

The registration process requires that facilities have these protocols in place and asks that the facility be part of a larger continuum of care in the community.

Every community has a number of individuals that frequently utilize valuable and costly services that can be coordinated differently. If a community is able to design, develop and implement something that addresses the unique needs of those individuals, those efforts should be supported. There should be no limit imposed by the State if a community has the ability to develop this service.

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