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Chair Monnes Anderson, Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the people we serve, One in Four Chronic Health is proud to offer our support to SB 934, and our gratitude to the sponsors; Senator Steiner Hayward and Representative Buehler, for providing additional protections to Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) members.

SB 934 is a means to improving both the financial security of CCO's, and the quality of care delivery to CCO members. Particularly, we support the inclusion of increased care/treatment delivery options; the expansion of patient centered care, and the recognition of increased diversity (gender, cultural, racial, socioeconomic) in the development and implementation of care systems.

- The expansion of patient centered primary care homes (PCPH) in providing a more efficient model for care delivery, particularly for patients with complex medical conditions.

As was recently demonstrated in the Oregon Health Authority/Portland State University report; *Implementations of Oregon's PCPH Program: Exemplary Practice and Program Findings*, there are very real examples of how early PCPH investment saves money in other health care "buckets" including; specialty care, emergency department visits, inpatient care. The obvious take away: a \$1 increase primary care in spending averaging \$13 in health systems savings.

- Better integration health information technology and reduce barriers for members seeking care out-of-network, especially when care (including specialty care) are not available in the member's network or geographic area.
- Increased participation of CCO members at all levels of the organization's governing body, in addition to the Community Advisory Council. The inclusion of members/patients is critical to the success of CCOs' as patient centered delivery model and affirms our core belief; "nothing about us without us".
- The recruitment and engagement of CCO and community members who are able to "speak truth" to the racial, cultural, socioeconomic and other disparities that exist as barriers to care, in the communities they reside in.

We look forward to our continued relationship with the OHA/CCO's to improve the health of Oregonians. Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments, should you have any questions, I can be reached at 206/601-8453.

Sincerely,



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