

Coalition Letter in Support of HB 2122

HB 2122 is an important step forward for Oregon’s efforts to transform the health care system to contain costs, improve care and improve the health of Oregonians.

By creating new transparency and accountability for Oregon’s Coordinated Care Organizations, HB 2122 will help ensure that CCOs deliver on their promise to Oregonians.

The undersigned organizations strongly support the goals of Oregon’s unique Coordinated Care Model, and we believe that HB 2122 represents a needed next step to make CCOs genuinely responsive to consumer and community needs—and accountable to Oregon taxpayers.

HB 2122 with the –A14 amendments will make Oregon’s CCOs work better for consumers by:

- Creating more openness and accountability in CCO governance by ensuring public access to CCO board meetings where critical decisions are made about the uses of public dollars.
- Safeguarding taxpayer dollars by making sure that CCO funds are spent where they should be—on health care and efforts to improve the health of Oregonians—by requiring that funds in excess of financial requirements are spent on efforts to address health disparities and the social determinants of health.
- Requiring CCOs to demonstrate progress toward adopting alternative payment methodologies, accelerating Oregon’s efforts to move away from fee-for-service medicine and toward paying for value and improving health outcomes.
- Ensuring that any new organization that creates or takes over a CCO is a community-based nonprofit organization or a benefit corporation, which will help guarantee that CCOs are accountable to the communities they serve.

HB 2122 is a necessary next step in Oregon’s efforts to transform health care. This important legislation will help empower local communities across the state to hold CCOs accountable for delivering on the promise of the Triple Aim.

Consumers and health advocates urge your support for HB 2122.

