

May 11, 2017

Chair Laurie Monnes-Anderson
Senate Health Care Committee

RE: Oppose HB 2882 A

Dear Chair Monnes-Anderson and Committee Members,

Although we firmly support Oregon's health care transformation goals and objectives and are committed to them via Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization and ODS, our Dental Care Organization, I write today on behalf of Moda Health to say we do not support **HB 2882 A**.

We appreciate Representatives Keny-Guyer and Hayden's efforts to fully integrate dental care into the CCO health care transformation agenda. However, a Board seat does not guarantee meaningful integration of oral and physical health. And further, to legislate a board seat in such a manner is counter to the community based objectives of a CCO and sets a precedent with implications far beyond the intent of this bill.

To achieve meaningful integration, it is far more important that it be defined and expectation of its inclusion in Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIP) be set by the legislature- this is currently being considered in other bills. Once defined by the legislature, the follow through and actual creation of the CHIP plans happen in the CCO committee structure not at the board level. It is critical that the DCO perspective be included during the formation stage. It is not necessary to have a Board position to achieve integration, which could unintentionally limit CCO's access to other DCO's who are doing terrific work across the State.

Moreover, better CCO/DCO integration can happen by leveraging existing requirements of CCO's that would focus on better integration of Oral Health.

For example, please consider the following:

Quality Measures:

Selecting a CCO quality measure that focuses on integration between CCO's/DCO's. For example, Oral Evaluation for Adults with Diabetes or follow up after ED visits for Dental reasons. The quality measures have historically brought entities together to work on new initiatives to improve results and this is shown by the evidence in improved quality measure performance throughout the State.

CCO Transformation Plans:

The 2017-2019 CCO transformation plans could have an element that focuses on CCO/DCO integration. The current transformation plans do not have a dental component.

CCO Performance Improvement Projects (PIP's):

Similar to the transformation plans a CCO PIP could focus on dental integration.

In summary, we think the State in collaboration with the CCO's and DCO's should work together to better define what better integration may look like in their communities rather than mandating another board seat.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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