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Joint Ways & Means Subcommittee on Human Services

RE: Testimony regarding HB 2834-A

Co-chairs Steiner Hayward and Rayfield and Members of the Committee,

For the record my name is Deborah Loy. I am the Executive Director of Government Programs for Capitol Dental Care (CDC). We are a dental care organization that provides care to Oregon Health Plan (OHP) beneficiaries. Capitol Dental Care is contracted with fourteen of the sixteen coordinated care organizations (CCOs) across the state.

Our comments on HB 2834-A are directed only at the language as it is currently written in the bill.

While Capitol Dental Care is supportive of the intent to provide dental services to those identified in the bill, we have strong concerns about how the bill is worded and what is missing in the bill as well as related information about the scope and administration of the proposal. Specifically, those concerns are:

- There is no language in the bill that clearly sets the policy that it is not to be an unfunded mandate. While the intention for there to be funding has been stated on the record, we feel that it is critical that it is included in the bill language.
- There is also no language about what dental services are to be covered, and would recommend that language be included that clearly ties the dental services to those that are covered under the prioritized list for other adults.
- What is the potential number of individuals that would be covered? This is a critical information needed to ensure that there is adequate access available to meet the needs of the populations.

- What would be the cost of the coverage?
- Does this population still receive services should other Medicaid adults lose coverage due to changes as a result of federal or state actions?
- How will the program be administered? Such as who will determine eligibility for this group? Do the same OHA/Medicaid rules related to dental benefits, prior authorization, denials apply? Will the DCOs current managed care delivery model apply to this group?

Capitol Dental Care would like to request that an amendment to address these concerns be made to HB 2834-A before your committee passes the bill.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.