



PacificSource Response to HB 2221

Chair Keny-Guyer, Vice-Chairs Stark and Sanchez and members of the House Committee on Human Services and Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in response to HB 2221. PacificSource is an independent, not for profit health plan, based in Oregon. We serve commercial, Medicaid and Medicare lives and are the contracted Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) in Central Oregon and the Columbia River Gorge. We are committed to ensuring our Members have access to healthcare services and treatments that are of high quality and are affordable.

PacificSource recognizes the critical role that assessments of children who may be victims of abuse, play in stemming further abuse and creating a path to recovery. We understand that child abuse intervention providers are structured somewhat differently than more traditional healthcare providers and we have undertaken the important work of better understanding the services provided. We are pleased that through this process we have negotiated contractual agreements that have met the satisfaction of all parties.

In 2016, PacificSource paid a total of 180 claims submitted for relevant services, the majority of which were successfully auto-adjudicated and paid in a timely manner.

Ultimately, our perspective is that reimbursement agreements are best reached through the contractual process and not through legislation. We are happy to come to the table and have these important conversations with our provider partners.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marian Blankenship". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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