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Comments on HB 2723

Members of the House Committee on Health Care:

The undersigned coordinated care organizations (CCOs) serve nearly one million Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members across the state.

House Bill 2723 would prohibit exclusion of hippotherapy from services covered by the OHP. The OHP benefit package is developed by the Health Evidence Review Commission (HERC) in a public process that places health condition and treatment pairs in an evidence based prioritized list of health services. The prioritized list is fundamental to the Oregon Health Plan, and we oppose any effort to circumvent the HERC process through the legislature, regardless of the merits of the treatment under consideration. We recommend that the proponents of this measure seek evaluation of hippotherapy through the HERC.

Respectfully submitted by:

- AllCare Health
- Cascadia Health Alliance
- Columbia Pacific CCO
- Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization
- FamilyCare Health
- Health Share of Oregon
- InterCommunity Health Network CCO
- Jackson Care Connect
- PacificSource Community Solutions
- PrimaryHealth of Josephine County
- Trillium Community Health Plan
- Umpqua Health Alliance
- Western Oregon Advanced Health
- Willamette Valley Community Health
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