

To Whom It May Concern–

I'm writing to express our support of Oregon SB 215 which will set up a data base called ORDER (Orders for Rare Disease Emergency Response).

When health care personnel are unfamiliar with a rare or chronic conditions, delays and mistakes in treatment can occur. Since there are over 7,000 rare conditions, even the most gifted of health care providers will not be familiar with each and every rare or chronic condition.

Many patients with rare or chronic conditions require specialized care which is different than the "standard procedures" of many Emergency EMS, ED and Urgent Care facilities. In emergency and/or surgical situations health care providers will be able to look up the ORDERS of those patients who may need specialized care and read the instructions of the patient's long term care provider. Providing immediate access to specific instructions will reduce complications and save lives.

As a PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE PHYSICIAN, I have worked in many hospitals throughout Oregon including Mercy Medical Center in Douglas County, Salem Hospital and Marion County and currently Santiam Hospital In Stayton Oregon. The provision of an easily accessible database would provide for continuity of care and access to important medical records for medically frail patients with complex medical illnesses and needs in a timely fashion.

I urge you to please pass Oregon SB 215 to set up the data base called ORDER (Orders for Rare Disease Emergency Response).

Sincerely yours,

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