

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been asked to address the issue of some Oregon placement agencies who do not meet the individuals they are working to place in a care setting. I am a recently retired Transition Coordinator with the State of Oregon who transitioned many Medicaid Consumers over an 8 year period.

Without meeting the individual and showing them their options, I don't believe a successful transition will occur.

There are many unknown factors in each of our lives that make each of us unique. As the goal is a successful transition to a new setting, this cannot be accomplished without any in-person knowledge of an individual's specific need, capabilities and desires.

This dehumanizing way of treating our vulnerable population is certainly not the way to serve and respect our elders.

Please consider putting yourself or your family members in this scenario.

Thank you for your consideration.

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