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## CCO Floor letter in support of HB 4018A



We write today in support of HB 4018-A with the belief that this bill will align the goals of the Legislature and the work that coordinated care organizations (CCOs) are doing in collaboration with the Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) towards the improvement of Oregon’s innovative CCO model. CCOs, community stakeholders and legislators have all worked earnestly over the last two legislative sessions to shape the ideas that are reflected in HB 4018. With the foundational changes present in HB 4018-A, we can now move forward with the stable, predictable administration of the revised CCO model through the next contract period.

The Oregon Health Plan (OHP) was created to provide access to quality health care for Oregonians eligible for the Medicaid program. The Legislature established CCOs in the mold of private-public partnerships—the innovation, flexibility, and efficiency of private organizations with strong government oversight—to help achieve the Triple Aim of better care, smarter spending, and healthier people. CCOs are tasked with being transparent stewards of public money through the provision of community-specific health care interventions while privately bearing financial risk for the outcomes.

Based on the *Evaluation of Oregon’s 2012-2017 Medicaid Waiver*, conducted by the OHSU Center for Health Systems Effectiveness and released last month, the CCO model has been largely successful. Voters agreed when they overwhelmingly supported the OHP through their approval of Measure 101, thereby supporting the CCO Model that has administered the OHP for the past five years. We are proud of our success in standing up this innovative model, but we are eager to continue our path of constant improvement using best practices in conjunction with community collaboration present within OHPB driven CCO 2.0 process.

We cannot successfully address the health of our population without intentional and thoughtful investments in the areas impacting the Social Determinants of Health, and each CCO has an obligation to clearly explain and collaboratively carry out this work within the community. These investments need to be guided through community processes and plans to ensure our partners are invested and our members are involved. HB 4018 makes clear that these goals are shared by the Legislature, and we support this effort.

While HB 4018 codifies values that we consider part of our mission, we are most encouraged by the guidance that this bill will provide to our ongoing work with the OHPB and the OHA to improve the coordinated care model. We know that a successful “CCO 2.0” conversation requires an in-depth analysis of our last five years, both the highs and the lows. We are already engaged in the CCO 2.0 process and support HB 4018 because it brings clarity to the goals that we are all trying to achieve. We also support HB 4018 because of the much needed clarity that this legislation provides to the process for renewing a CCO’s contract with the OHA.

We are confident this bill continues the vision for collaborative, community based coordinated care, and we are eager to put these values into action as we work toward fulfilling the Triple Aim.

Sincerely,

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