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Chair Monnes Anderson,  
Members  
Senate Committee on Health Care  
900 Court Street, NE  
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Re: Support of HB 4018

Chair Monnes Anderson and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of One in Four Chronic Health, I am writing to offer support to HB 4018. This is an important step in our efforts to provide more transparency to Coordinated Care Organizations (CCO). This benefits the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) as well as CCO members and everyone committed to seeing Oregon continue to innovate and transform health care.

One in Four Chronic Health is a nonprofit health care policy and advocacy 501(c)3 organization. We work to improve access to affordable treatment and health care on behalf of people living with chronic health conditions.

The recent closure of one CCO, FamilyCare, and the 2015 sale of Trillium to an out of state for-profit corporation raise questions and concerns about the sustainability and future of CCO's, we feel that HB 4018 will help address some of these issues. We hope that greater communication between the OHA and the CCO's will help prevent some of the problems we have unfortunately witnessed recently between OHA leadership and some CCO's.

We are however very concerned about the repercussions if and when a CCO exits the market. This concern is not only for the patients who are CCO members, but also for the providers who in the case of FamilyCare. In the wake of the FamilyCare closure some providers have been forced to accept cuts of up to 50% to their reimbursement rates, if they want to continue providing care to their patients.

This is especially concerning for people who are living with chronic health conditions, who rely on their providers to a greater extent than most patients.

We will continue our work in monitoring both the CCO and OHA for accountability, and their responsibility, to ensure that patients are receiving the care and treatment they are entitled to. We hope that HB 4018 will help make this process more transparent.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BJ Cavnor", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

BJ Cavnor,  
Executive Director