



ONA Urges Your "YES" Vote of HB 4018

ONA represents nearly 15,000 nurses across Oregon who work in nearly every care setting. As such, we remain committed to successfully transforming our health care delivery system, with the ultimate goals of improving population health, improving access to care and quality of care, and controlling unsustainable health care costs. We believe HB 4018 will increase CCO accountability and transparency and strengthen tools to improve health outcomes through innovative models.

As we continue health care transformation, HB 4018 proposes changes that make meaningful steps towards greater system transparency and in addressing social determinants of health. ONA believes requiring Oregon's CCOs to be community-driven organizations will improve the quality of care that is delivered as well as members' experience of care.

Coordinated Care Organizations can most effectively serve their communities when they maintain a robust community governance structure. ONA supports the provisions in HB 4018 to make all meetings of CCOs' governing bodies subject to Oregon's public meetings laws and to limit the number of board members who share in financial risk.

We also support the provision in HB 4018 that requires CCOs to meaningfully reinvest a reasonable percentage of their margin back into the local communities they serve, with the goal of addressing social determinants of health and improving population health. This is a critical step in addressing the fact that health outcomes are dependent on much more than just what happens at the patients' bedside. This proposal will ultimately save costs in the long-run by investing in preventative and community health.

As nurses, ONA members recognize that investing in upstream health is vital to improve the overall well-being of our communities. It's time we take the next step in the transformation of health care by increasing CCO community involvement and investment.

ONA urges your support of HB 4018

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