

I'm from Redmond, Oregon & live in a Juniper Springs Senior Living. I am so very grateful for the members of the Task Force on Universal Health Care stepping to do this making Health Care for all of Oregon a reality.

I can't imagine how many lives will be saved &/or made more fulfilling by the work you are doing on this path for equal care under the law!!!

In these times of Pandemic, as the inequities of health care due to racism become obvious, your work is more meaningful than ever.

Your purposes couldn't be more humanitarian or needed at this time.

1. Improving the health status of individuals, families & communities;
2. Defending against threats to the health of the residents of this state;
3. Protecting individuals from the financial consequences of ill health;
4. Providing equitable access to person-centered care;
5. Removing cost as a barrier to accessing health care;
6. Removing any financial incentive for a health care practitioners to provide care to one patient rather than another;
7. Making it possible for individuals to participate in decisions affecting their health & the health system;
8. Establishing measurable health care goals & guidelines that align with other state & federal health standards; &
9. Promoting continuous quality improvement & fostering inter-organizational collaboration.

I feel very fortunate to have Medicare, a good supplemental insurance & good health. And know many who don't & it's heartbreaking in this wealthy country to see so many suffering.

Thank each & everyone of you for your commitment... God speed... with gratitude, Evelyn Doherty, Deschutes County Oregon.