



Chair Andrea Salinas
House Health Care Committee
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

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Dear Chair Salinas and members of the House Health Care Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comment on House Bill 2447 which would require the Director of the Oregon Health Authority to provide a forum for all vertically integrated, nonprofit health care systems in Oregon to collaborate to envision health care delivery system for Oregon's future.

Coalition for a Healthy Oregon (COHO) is a coalition of seven-member Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) in the state and is responsible for delivering care to nearly half of the state's Medicaid population, many in Oregon's rural communities. At its core, COHO believes in the value of localized decision making regarding health services and community supports in the care coordination model. It is imperative that in envisioning the future of Oregon's health care delivery systems, that we include all of the diverse voices of our state. If this doesn't happen, we preclude from the conversation on best practices and brightest minds, health service delivery models that are innovating on a local level, in this case based solely on structure.

We fundamentally believe that the future of innovation in Oregon's health care delivery systems should come from the people of Oregon who are experiencing care in a managed and transformative way, and prioritizes the needs of communities on an individual basis. As we have seen with the creation and successes of CCOs, when Oregon equitably includes all voices from different racial, cultural, economic, and geographic backgrounds the end product becomes something we, as a state, are invested in and makes the chances for success higher. Oregon's coordinated care model has been extremely successful at improving health outcomes for vulnerable populations while reducing costs, and we hope to work together to build on the success of that model.

We appreciate the vision of HB 2447, to deliver high quality care at lower rates, but would ask that all health care delivery systems be considered, regardless of structure, as the original vision of care coordination intended.

Sincerely,

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