



Oregon AFSCME Council 75 Supports SB 134 A

Dear Chair Salinas, Co-chairs Hayden and Nosse and members of the House Health Care Committee,

Oregon AFSCME Council 75 represents behavioral health worker and case managers in various counties, non-profit organizations, and health care organizations around the state. Many of the people these support specialists, clinicians and other providers work with are covered by Coordinated Care Organizations and have seen how access to information on health care coverage can impact a person's success in their mental health treatment or substance use disorder recovery. For this reason, Oregon AFSCME supports SB 134 A and the transparency it provides for those receiving services from CCOs.

SB 134 A provides access to the basic information that both people seeking mental health or substance use disorder treatments and their providers can use in navigating what services are or are not available through our CCOs. This is critical in aiding in what can be expected for care, what is covered and how to navigate changes should a person need to change plans. Knowing what kind of services you can expect and who will be able to meet your needs is always important for health care and especially for those on the path of recovery where a change in service providers could a person up for serious setbacks.

With the transparency provided in SB 134A, people covered by CCOs will be empowered to make the best possible decisions for their own care - critical step for healing.

Please pass SB 134A.

Respectfully submitted by Eva Rippeteau, Political Coordinator, Oregon AFSCME Council 75