



MEMORANDUM

To: Chair Andrea Salinas
Members of the House Health Care Committee

From: Courtni Dresser

Date: February 11, 2020

Re: Support of HB 4101

The OMA is a strong supporter of the appropriate use of telemedicine within care models. OMA's principals are clear:

- Telemedicine services should follow evidence-based care standards, when available, to ensure positive and safe outcomes.
- We continue to encourage state and national medical societies to establish guidelines for the standard of care of services provided through telemedicine.
- Telemedicine should be provided in a coordinated model. Care should be provided in coordination with the patients' medical home and/or their treating physician(s).
- A patient's medical history should be available at the time of the telemedicine service. Telemedicine services should be documented in the patient's medical record.
- Reimbursement for services provided through telemedicine should be adequate for both provider and clinical site, including all originating sites.
- Telemedicine should be provided by licensed health care professionals within the state or by providers in other states with Oregon telemedicine licensure status. Providers should practice within their scope of practice.
- Telemedicine policies should abide by laws that address privacy and security of patient medical information.

OMA has been an active partner with stakeholders in past legislative session to ensure insurance coverage for services provided through telemedicine. HB 4101 will place in statute that CCOs have coverage equity for services that are provided through telemedicine, if they currently cover that service via an in-person visit.

As technology advances, there is more use of remote monitoring and other advances; it's important that we continue to discuss how these services are covered and reimbursed. We support HB 4101.