

# HB 4029



## PROBLEM:

Under the new federal charge rule some immigrants who want to become citizens of the United States are barred from accessing public services including the Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid).

Oregon's new charity care law passed in 2019 supports costs for patients who would qualify for Oregon Health Plan.

However, charity care is the payer of last resort meaning that many hospitals have policies that ban people from accessing charity care if they don't apply for the Oregon Health Plan.

**These policies now make low income immigrants chose -affordable health care or future citizenship.**

House Bill 4029 prohibits hospitals and non-profit clinics from denying charity care to people who refuse access the Oregon Health Plan. HB 4029 protects all our health.



Yes on HB 4029