# Consumer protections for premium payment



#### **Preventing Oregonians from losing health coverage**

#### Under the status quo:

- Only a 10-day grace period for past due premiums.
- No grace period for first premium payment
- Notices of past due payment are often confusing

Consumers can lose access to comprehensive coverage for an extended period simply for an inadvertent nonpayment.

## **Stories**

 Consumer 1: Missed a short grace period by two days due to health problems and lost her coverage.

 Consumer 2: Paid a \$3 past due amount one day late and lost his coverage. The notice he received did not specify a past due amount.

### HB 4110-A: Key provisions

• 30 day grace period for individual health plan premiums

• 15 day grace period for an initial premium payment

DCBS rulemaking to improve notices to consumers

HB 4110-A will make it easier for Oregon consumers to pay their premiums, get covered and stay covered.

## **Questions?**