# Provider Consolidation Considerations for Oregon

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## Insurer market in Oregon is <u>not</u> concentrated

Oregon is the only state where no MSAs have "highly concentrated" commercial insurance markets

Lack of counterbalance against provider market power

Oregon provider market experiencing horizontal and vertical consolidation

## Mergers and affiliations in Oregon

#### **Mergers & Acquisitions**

Providence Health & Services – St. Joseph Health (2017) Quorum Health Corp. – McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center (2015) Legacy Health – Silverton Hospital (2015) Asante Health Systems – Ashland Community Hospital (2012) St. Alphonsus Health – Trinity Health (2012)

#### **Affiliations**

OHSU, Tuality, Adventist Health (2017)

### **Provider-Insurer Partnerships**

PeaceHealth – Kaiser Permanente NW (2017) Legacy Health – PacificSource Health Plans (2015) OHSU – Moda (2015)

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Share of physicians in health

Metropolitan Statistical Area	systems		
	2016	2018	
Grants Pass	20%		
Salem	20%		
Bend-Redmond	28%		
Eugene	32%		
Medford	34%		
Albany	53%		
Corvallis	55%		
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro	39%		

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Metropolitan Statistical Area	<u> </u>		
	2016	2018	
Grants Pass	20%	24%	
Salem	20%	26%	
Bend-Redmond	28%	28%	
Eugene	32%	35%	
Medford	34%	37%	
Albany	53%	59%	
Corvallis	55%	60%	
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro	39%	71%	

### **COVID** in Oregon

Unprecedented job loss

Q2 revenue losses: 50% for primary care; 30% for behavioral health; similar for hospitals

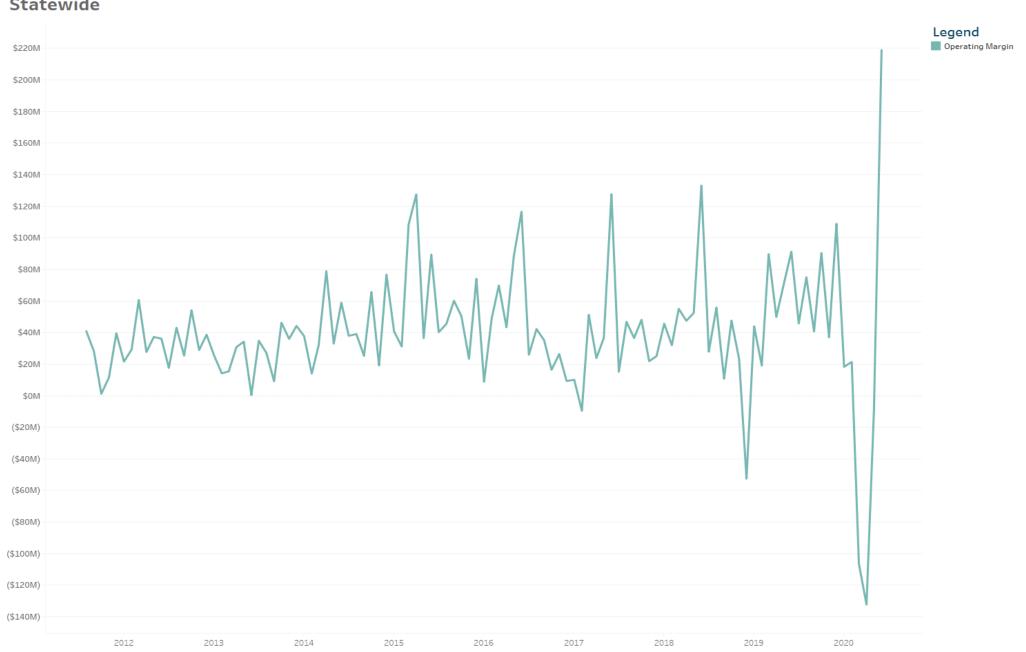
Health insurers have done well; nationally, net income is double this year what it was in 2020

Impacts differ across sectors, regions & providers

Rebound for hospitals in late 2020?

#### Statewide operating margin for Oregon Hospitals, July 2011 – June 2020







### **Consider tradeoffs**

Consolidation may help keep some providers afloat

Financial implications of COVID not totally clear; rebound possible

Oregon has a problem with high prices

Consequences for Oregonians of *higher* prices from consolidation include lower wages, worse health

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