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Committee members:

My apologies for my technical difficulties this afternoon in House Health Care. Let me just follow up with the information I wished to convey on the record today. I will also submit this email into OLIS for the record.

PacificSource is supportive of the overall policy goals to increase access to primary care, and have been participating in the conversations since 2020. We appreciate the leadership of Rep. Prusak and Rep. Moore-Green right up to the day of the hearing.

We did upload testimony into OLIS based on our read of the introduced version only as information the committee should consider as it deliberated passage of the bill. In the meantime, subsequent information has come to light which I would like to address.

In our comment letter, we raised the possibility that standard metal level plans may need adjustment in light of the additional benefits provided without cost share. I'm assured from conversations that this is resolved.

We also raised an issue with mental health parity effects if cost sharing applied to a number of primary care visits. I've been assured that DCBS and DOJ worked out how to address concerns around mental health parity, and I appreciate the chair amending the bill to address those concerns. Certainly, if DCBS learns of new unanticipated consequences with respect to mental health parity in this space, we hope we can have further conversations with the agency and with stakeholders. Because the bill does not take effect until plan year 2024, we believe that there would be time.

We also noted that for PacificSource, mapping members to primary care providers will take extra time. Because the bill does not take effect until plan year 2024, we appreciate the extra time to map members to PCPs.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions!

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