

Health Department

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To: House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care
From: Adrienne Daniels, Interim Director of Multnomah County Community Health Center
Re: Support for House Bill 3040

Dear Chair Nosse, Vice-Chairs Goodwin and Nelson, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to share our comments in support of House Bill 3040, which would require coordinated care organizations (CCOs) to share with community providers claims and encounter data for patients that the provider entity is contracted with the CCO to serve.

The Multnomah County Community Health Center is the largest public health federally qualified health center in Oregon, operating seven primary care clinics that serve over 56,000 individuals annually. We also operate nine Student Health Centers, which provide convenient access to primary care services in the high school setting, integrated dental clinics and pharmacies, and a specialty primary care clinic for HIV positive clients. As a safety net provider, the services we provide are essential to improving individual outcomes for our patients as well as the overall health of our community – similar to the many community health centers that operate across the state.

As you are likely aware, the Oregon Health Authority has identified value-based payment (VBP) as a primary strategy for achieving the triple aim of better health, better care, and lower costs in the state.¹ In transitioning to a VBP model, the objective is to improve both quality and value through the delivery of patient-centered, whole person care. To adequately achieve these objectives, patient-level cost and outcome data points are needed when defining accountability metrics and establishing agreements between CCOs and entities providing care. Patient claims and encounter data are critical components in this equation, as they provide key insight on utilization and total patient cost. Without timely access to full and complete claims data, community providers are missing crucial elements in the value-based payment calculation – rendering us unable to establish informed metrics on which we will ultimately be held accountable.

Currently there is no requirement for CCOs to provide claims and encounter data to community providers. While some CCOs have voluntarily made the decision to provide this information, codifying this data sharing requirement is necessary to ensure all CCOs are held to the same standard of consistently supplying community providers with the patient information we rely upon to inform

¹ <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/hpa/dsi-tc/pages/value-based-payment.aspx>

decision-making related to service provision as well as cost and outcome measurement - which becomes increasingly important as we shift to a VBP model.

In establishing a requirement for CCOs to share claims and encounter data with community providers, HB 3040 outlines a necessary component for our health department and other community health centers across Oregon to fully participate in the state's value-based payment initiative. Passage of HB 3040 is a crucial step in advancing a value-based payment model that achieves its intended purpose, as establishing a common understanding based on transparent data is needed for success. Finally, the advancement of data sharing for value-based pay will also ensure that primary care and safety net organizations receive the necessary information to design and support care coordination across a patient's comprehensive care needs. The Multnomah County Community Health Center appreciates your consideration of this important legislation, and we strongly urge you to support HB 3040. I am happy to serve as a resource if you have questions or require additional information. Please do not hesitate to me at Adrienne.Daniels@multco.us or 503-988-4826 if I can be of further assistance.

Thank you,
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