

To: Senator Patterson, Chair
Senator Hayden, Vice-Chair
Members of the Senate Health Care Committee

From: Bill Bouska, MPA, Director of Government Relation

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Re: SB 967

Chair Patterson, Vice Chair Hayden, and members of the Committee, my name is Bill Bouska, and I am the Director of Government Relations for Intercommunity Health Network Coordinated Care Organization. IHN-CCO coordinates the physical, oral, and behavioral health services to over 80,000 individuals in Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties. We are concerned about the health of all our members, especially those members who may be experiencing health disparity, and we are working hard with our community partners to achieve health equity.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information on SB 967. IHN-CCO is very supportive of what was accomplished in the negotiations with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services 1115 Waiver. The ability to meet critical social determinants of health needs, especially related to housing services and supports will be an extremely important benefit to the CCO members. In the region we serve, IHN-CCO has developed an inclusive community-driven process to transform and innovate services and supports and we continue to focus on and improve this community driven standard to ensure the health of all the members IHN-CCO.

However, we would like to address a couple areas in the bill that in the last week or two we have just begun conversations with OHA. Two of the hallmarks of the CCO model developed over 10 years ago are the global budget concept and incentive metrics program. We caution creating substantial changes to these fundamental structures without fully understanding and mitigating for potential unintended consequences. Statutory changes needed to implement language clearly required the final approved 2022-2027 1115 Waiver is prudent but further substantive changes need additional discussion and understanding. We are confident that with continued dialogue that we can achieve a shared goal of better health, better care, and lower costs for all IHN-CCO members.