



March 29, 2023

Honorable Senator Deb Patterson
Chair, Senate Committee on Health Care
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE,
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Senate Bill 1085— Allows pharmacist to test and provide treatment for certain health conditions. Requires pharmacist to use specified screening or test. Requires insurer to provide payment or reimbursement for test and treatment and for services provided by pharmacist.

Dear Chair Patterson, Vice Chair Hayden, and Members of the Committee:

CVS Health strongly supports **SB 1085** authorizing pharmacists to assess patients, order and administer tests, and provide treatment for certain health conditions, when appropriate. Providing increased access through pharmacy services for minor condition assessment, diagnostic testing, and treatment for specific health conditions will support the patients of Oregon and increase access to care.

It is widely accepted that Pharmacists are consistently named among the most trusted health care professionals due to their frequent and personal interactions with patients in the state's local, accessible, and convenient pharmacy settings. Pharmacists possess the clinical ability to assess patients for the conditions outlined, and they remain the experts in prescription medication therapies through their extensive educational background and continued learnings. This measure will increase patient access to diagnostic testing, clinical assessment, and treatment at pharmacy locations through convenient and confidential pharmacist-led care.

CVS Health is the nation's premier health innovation company helping people on their path to better health. Whether in one of its pharmacies or through its health services and plans, CVS Health is pioneering a bold new approach to total health by making quality care more affordable, accessible, simple, and seamless. CVS Health is community-based and locally focused, engaging consumers with the care they need when and where they need it. In Oregon, CVS Health operates more than 29 retail locations with over 600 employees.

On behalf of CVS Health, I thank you for allowing us to provide our comments of support for consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenda Snyder".

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