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SB 1033 - Support

I am writing on behalf of Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials to share our support for SB 1033, which would appropriate state general funds to provide the non-federal match funding necessary for Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) programs to receive Medicaid reimbursement across the state.

NFP is a nurse home visiting program for first-time parents-to-be, starting early in the pregnancy and continuing through the child's second birthday. With the support of an NFP nurse, families experience better pregnancy outcomes, improved child health and development, and greater economic self-sufficiency. Parents, babies, families, and communities all benefit from the proven services of NFP. NFP has operated in Oregon since 1999.

NFP programs in Oregon rely on Medicaid to pay for their services to families, but Medicaid requires non-federal match funding, which will be paid by county health departments unless SB 1033 is passed and funded. Having counties pay the non-federal Medicaid match puts NFP out of alignment with how nearly all Medicaid services in Oregon are supported by a state match. It also is a deviation from how other evidence-based home visiting programs are supported with state dollars without a county match, such as Healthy Families Oregon or Family Connects.

This funding arrangement creates a threat to the sustainability of NFP in counties implementing the program. Given limitations on revenue and growing costs, Oregon counties continually must navigate budgetary challenges. Also, counties who cannot pay the match funding are unable to implement an NFP program, creating health inequities and disparate outcomes throughout Oregon.

The Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials supports NFP's request for state general funds to provide the non-federal Medicaid match for NFP programs. This funding would be appropriated to the Health Systems Division of the Oregon Health Authority. This will allow NFP programs in Oregon more certainty to provide services and would help NFP continue expanding in future years to counties that do not have programs.

Thank you for your service to our state and for your consideration of this request.

