



March 12, 2025

House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for HB 2239

Chair Nosse and Members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care,

Health Share of Oregon supports HB 2239 to adopt quality standards for recovery housing in Oregon. Health Share is our state's largest Coordinated Care Organization, serving over 470,000 members in Washington, Multnomah, and Clackamas Counties. Health Share was founded as a locally governed non-profit, bringing together the best of our region's health systems, county governments, and social service organizations.

Today, recovery housing in Oregon is not required to adhere to a specific national standard. While we have prioritized developing access so that each person who needs recovery housing can enter this stage without delay, we must also ensure that every time a patient accesses this care, it is clinically appropriate and supportive, and within accepted parameters for program integrity.

Individuals in recovery housing have made the admirable and difficult choice to work toward sobriety, and out of a substance use disorder. Recovery housing is an incredibly important step in maintaining sobriety over the long term. The Oregon Health Authority should take steps to ensure that this stage in the recovery journey is meaningful, high-quality, and clinically appropriate for each member. The public dollars dedicated to these facilities should provide the greatest possible benefit to people in recovery and HB 2239 would ensure this.

HB 2239 will set important guidelines so that recovery housing in Oregon is held to recognized national standards. Please advance this legislation to ensure people with substance use disorders receive high quality care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anthony Montoya". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Anthony Montoya
Director, Public Policy
Health Share of Oregon