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CareOregon Comments on HB 4115

Chair Pham and Members of the House Behavioral Health Committee,

CareOregon is a community non-profit organization serving members of the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) for 30 years. We currently manage OHP benefits for over 500,000 Oregonians. CareOregon wholly owns two coordinated care organizations (CCOs), Jackson Care Connect and Columbia Pacific CCO. We also are a founding member of Health Share of Oregon, managing an integrated community network and the behavioral health network for all Health Share of Oregon members. We also serve statewide through our tribal care coordination benefit. Our mission is to inspire and partner to create quality and equity in individual and community health.

We agree with the intent of HB 4115, Section 5, to streamline administrative processes for behavioral health providers delivering quality care to our members. As currently written, we have serious concerns with the ability to manage our own behavioral health network, as it would require retroactive payment to non-contracted, uncredentialed providers. We are recommending a small technical change to subsection (2) that also provides better alignment with the credentialing provisions in (3); to specify retroactive reimbursement is required when the provider is also employed by an agency contracted with a CCO:

(2) A coordinated care organization shall provide reimbursement for services provided to a medical assistance recipient by a behavioral health provider retroactively to the date the provider:

- (a) submitted to the Oregon Health Authority an application for enrollment in the medical assistance program that resulted in the assignment of a provider identification number, and
- (b) was employed by an agency contracted with the coordinated care organization.

We believe this change preserves the intent of the bill while maintaining CCOs' ability to manage quality in our behavioral health networks. While CareOregon is opposed to the base bill as written, we will support HB 4115 if amended with the language above.

Sincerely,

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