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Youth Villages Supports HB 4115

Chair Pham and Members of the House Behavioral Health Committee,

Youth Villages is a non-profit Behavioral Health provider serving youth and families in 14 counties across Oregon. Through our *Intercept* program, we help youth and families struggling with significant needs in their homes, schools, and communities. The youth we work with are at high risk of being removed from their homes and placed into psychiatric hospitals, residential treatment programs, and other out-of-home placements because of safety issues arising from their behavioral health needs.

Intercept is an evidence-based program that has been adapted to comply with the Intensive In-Home Behavioral Health Treatment (IIBHT) rules established by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Youth Villages is currently Oregon's largest IIBHT provider and growing to meet high demand for these critical services.

Much of our work is done in partnership with Coordinate Care Organizations (CCOs) across 14 Oregon counties. **We appreciate your attention to the issues addressed in HB 4115 and fully support this bill.** Specifically, *section 5* will give relief to providers like Youth Villages who have no control over the time it takes OHA to assign a Medicaid *provider identification number*. In the current state, providers unfairly bear the cost of any delays in that process. HB 4115 addresses that problem by allowing retroactive billing to the date a provider applies for enrollment.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

Sincerely,



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