

Tina Kotek, Governor

February 23, 2026

Senator Deb Patterson, Chair
Senator Cedric Hayden, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Healthcare
900 Court Street NE
State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

SUBJECT: HB 4156

Dear Chair and Committee Members:

OHA believes HB 4156 A-Engrossed represents a viable path forward for strengthening the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) Fee for Service (FFS) program.

OHA Medicaid Division and members of Oregon Fire Chiefs Association formed a GEMT FFS Public Provider workgroup in March 2025 to collectively determine improvements needed within the public provider supplemental payment program. The objective for this workgroup is to identify shared goals to ensure a sustainable and dependable system of reimbursement for critical services. We continue to partner in exploring the funding model that best serves OHP members in an environment of rising costs.

Should HB 4156 pass we will work to implement the requirements to ensure a funding mechanism that maximizes federal funding participation and mitigates administrative burden. We value our partnerships and appreciate the commitment to build capacity in this area to better serve OHP members.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if there are any further questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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