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The Hon. Lisa Reynolds  
Members of the Committee  
Senate Committee on Early Childhood and Behavioral Health

**RE: Support for House Bill 4070, -A1 Amendments**

On behalf of Cascadia Health, I am writing in support of House Bill 4070 and the -A1 amendments, which aims to improve access to behavioral health services while reducing unnecessary administrative burden on providers.

House Bill 4070 -A1 supports the work of the Oregon Health Authority in clarifying Oregon's existing quality- and consumer-safety-informed standards for mental health and substance use disorder service delivery. This ensures Oregon Health Plan members receive services that adhere to the state's expectations for quality and safety.

Rooted in community, our services are local, on-the-ground, and shaped by the people we serve. This means providing care using a range of flexible models, including clinic-based care, telehealth, community outreach, and more. The -A1 amendments do not jeopardize telehealth services, but rather offers clarity, safety, and quality for our communities, and supports Oregon's overall behavioral health workforce.

In summary, House Bill 4070 and -A1 amendments helps modernize outdated statutes, reduce administrative burden, protect quality and safety standards, and strengthen Oregon's behavioral health workforce—all while preserving flexible care delivery, like telehealth.

Thank you for your commitment to Oregon's behavioral health system. I urge your support for HB 4070 with -A1 amendments.

Respectfully,

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