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Health Share of Oregon Comments on HB 2950

Members of the House Committee on Health Care:

Health Share of Oregon is the state's largest Medicaid coordinated care organization (CCO), serving more than 235,000 Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties. Our organization was founded and continues to be governed by eleven familiar health care organizations serving OHP members. We are writing to express our support for HB 2950 and its -1 amendments.

CCOs have identified a number of issues that the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) can address to benefit OHP members. HB 2950 would require the OHA to:

- Produce and translate a single OHP handbook that CCOs can supplement with CCO-specific information
- Assign a single case ID to all OHP members residing in a household
- Collect and share with CCOs members' email and mobile phone information
- Improve enrollment and eligibility redetermination processes
- Issue an eligibility determination on 99% of all applications or renewals within 30 days of submission
- Adopt and publicize all specifications for CCO incentive metrics at least one quarter before the beginning of the measurable year

Each of these would result in administrative simplification for CCOs and an improved OHP experience for our members. Health Share welcomes the opportunity to continue to work with OHA and other CCOs to identify ways to improve administrative of the Oregon Health Plan. To that end, we request your support for this measure.

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