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The Honorable Andrea Salinas Chair, House Health Care Committee State Capitol Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Senate Bill 9A

Dear Senator Monnes Anderson and members of the committee:

On behalf of Providence Health Plan, I want to thank you for the opportunity to provide our support for Senate Bill 9A.

Providence Health Plan actively partners with our members and providers to ensure that members receive the care that they need when they need it. Senate Bill 9A will enhance our ability to do that by allowing pharmacists to provide emergency fills of insulin and insulin-like products and related devices in certain situations. We believe that this bill will reduce emergency and urgent care visits while placing appropriate safeguards in place to ensure that members receive appropriate care.

Providence encourages the Committee to join us in support. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,

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