

Dear Oregon House Committee on Rules,

Chair Representative Paul Holvey,
Vice Chair House Democratic Leader Jennifer Williamson
Vice Chair House Republican Leader Carl Wilson
Member Representative Denyc Boles
Member Representative Rob Nosse
Member Representative Barbara Smith Warner
Member Representative Sherrie Sprenger

Strongly support HB 3076, requires nonprofit hospitals & hospital systems to establish financial assistance policies meeting specified criteria. I have had personal experience where the State of Oregon allowed me forgiveness of all charges for a long hospital stay. Where as the Samaritan Corvallis nonprofit system, refused to accept & allow the same forgiveness of charges for the same services provided, during the first 30 days. The State of Oregon forgave 6 wk, \$8,000+ charges. Samaritan took every penny of our dedicated savings & income with full charges due in 30 days or ruin our credit. Denying me any financial aid, with my extensive release of financial documents & completed for State.

Samaritan should have been forced to accept the same ruling as the State of Oregon acceptance of forgiven of charges. I should not have been forced to pay deductibles for Samaritan charges not paid by Medicare. That has been many years ago now. But, I have still not recovered from all of my insurance house repairs \$\$\$\$ been taken by Samaritan. I am still living in a very old falling apart leaky 5th wheel, right beside my home damaged by wind storms on 12/13/2006 & three following storms. The funds were not even held by me. \$\$\$\$ was in trust by my financial care provider, insurance funds being distributed for supplies & repairs. I felt at the time & still do, I was being targeted by the Samaritan system. But, all I could do to prevent my financial credit from being completely destroyed was pay all due to Samaritan. Maybe, if I was not disabled & could have afforded an Attorney, I could have prevented the situation.

I strongly support HB 3076 establishes consumer rights with respect to billing and charges for hospital services. Requires each hospital to conduct assessment of community health care needs and develop three-year strategy

to address community health care needs. Specifies requirements for needs assessment and development of strategy. Requires hospital to post certain information on website. Requires Oregon Health Authority to establish community benefit spending floor for hospitals and hospital systems. Provides remedies and penalties for failing to meet spending floor. Requires nonprofit hospital system to annually report to authority specified information regarding hospital system. Prohibits insurer from prohibiting hospital from waiving all or part of copayments or deductibles as condition of reimbursement for services under policy or certificate of insurance. Fair Justice to All Oregon Patient's Forgiveness. It is not fair now.

Thank you for your full consideration of these critical issues for many Oregonians. Many times, in some of the worse circumstances of they lives. Effecting them for many years to come with long term financial & health consequences.

Sincerely,

Cyndi Karp
Waldport, OR 97394