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

RE: House Bill 4110

Dear Representative Salinas and members of the committee:

Providence Health Plan appreciated the opportunity to work with the Department of Financial Regulation and other affected stakeholders to address concerns and challenges felt by our members who purchase individual and family health plans. We feel as though House Bill 4110 reflects the excellent work done by that group and urge the Committee to join us in support of this bill with -1 amendments.

Current Oregon law requires health insurers to provide policyholders who purchase plans in the individual market segment with a grace period of at least 10 days. This short timeline may create hardships for Oregonians who need additional time to remit their payment for a variety of reasons. HB 4110 extends the minimum grace period for purchasers of individual health benefit plan policies to 30 days. This will allow our members additional time to make their payments and maintain their health insurance coverage.

Providence is committed to continuing to work with the legislature and stakeholders to ease the way of our members. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and we look forward to further discussion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Jensen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark Jensen
Chief Service Operations Officer for Providence Health Plans