



February 8, 2022

The Honorable Rob Wagner
Chair, Senate Committee on Rules
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Nomination to Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace Advisory Committee (HIMAC)

Dear Chair Wagner and members of the committee:

I am honored to come before the Senate Rules Committee today to ask your support for my nomination to the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace Advisory Committee (HIMAC). I look forward to the opportunity to use my background and qualifications to support the Committee in advising Oregon's Marketplace regarding outreach, customer feedback and insurance affordability in the coming years.

I am currently the Vice President of Informatics at Providence Health Plan, overseeing Financial & Actuarial Analytics, Clinical Analytics, and Business Intelligence. I lead our health plans Financial Improvement and Business Optimization (FIBO) efforts, health equity and social determinants of health measurements, and play a key role in engagement with State agencies on actuarial and technical aspects of maintaining health plan stability in Oregon. My participation with state agencies expands into both commercial and Medicaid markets, including active participation on the APAC Technical Advisory Group (TAG), Cost Growth Target TAG and Health Share of Oregon's Financial Member Advisory Committee. I can draw on the knowledge I gained in this work to help the Committee promote greater access and affordability to Oregon health plan consumers.

Prior to joining Providence, I was Executive Director at Boston Health Care Associates, leading their Health Economics research practice, Director of Medical Economics at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, and Manager of Analytics at Boston Medical Center HealthNet Plan. My experience in these positions led me to play an active role in health plan cost containment and in the implementation of Massachusetts' healthcare reform in 2007. I am eager to put the knowledge I gained through these experiences to work for HIMAC as Oregon looks to create more affordable health care options for low-income families.

Increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion within our healthcare system means, to me, not just equitable solutions, but ensuring fair, just, and equitable outcomes. It is the outcome that matters, not just the intention. I want to be a part of the elevating this crucial public policy discussion that addresses equitable access and outcomes that reflect the communities we serve - consistent with Providence's promise of serving the poor and vulnerable.

As Oregon continues to look at new opportunities to find affordable healthcare for Oregon consumers, I believe my expertise and background in healthcare economics will be of great value to HIMAC and I ask for your support in my nomination.

Sincerely,

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Andrew Tarab
Vice President of Informatics
Providence Health Plan