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The **Oregon Medical Coordination Center (OMCC)** ensures access to hospital care across the state by facilitating patient transfers. Developed as a voluntary partnership during the COVID-19 pandemic, OMCC has proven to be an effective way to support patients receiving the right level of care as hospitals face evolving capacity challenges.

For example:

- Critical Access Hospitals, which serve rural areas of the state, have reported significant benefits in using the OMCC to transfer patients who need a higher level of care.
- During the recent pediatric respiratory virus surge, the OMCC focused on maximizing pediatric ICU bed capacity and was able to find in-state placements for most infants and children who needed care.
- Most patients transferred through the OMCC process have been able to remain in or near their region, closer to loved ones and their communities than they otherwise may have been.

HB 2743 helps to secure funding to sustain the continuous availability of these services 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This would represent a critical investment toward improving the continuum of care for Oregonians.

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