

I Support SB 704:

Health CARE Committee:

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I SUPPORT SB 704 and here is why:

Jan. 18, 2023 (Wed) I saw my doctor, No medical ride available from \*Ride to Care\*. On Jan. (Fri) 20, 2023 two days later I had a dentist appointment and I did get a medical ride there and back home.

By Sunday Jan. 22. 2023 I woke up with a sore throat. Next day vomiting, the top of my skull was pressure, coughing and fever and chills. I was sick. By Thurs. Jan 26, 2023 I called Providence and talked to a DR Allen about getting tested for COVID. And where to go for these tests. And Thurs was the last day That I would be eligible for the antivirals. I felt so bad that Thurs was the 1st day I could function to make a call.

I went to Legacy Urgent Care on Civic right across the street on Civic. They did not do Covid Testing there. So I went to the clinic on 2850 SE Powell Valley, Gresham. At 12 I was told to come back at 1 pm to 1:15 because the medical staff needed lunch. I did just that. And I sat from 1 pm to 4 pm. Turns out many people had made appointments to be there. I DID NOT know you could make an appointment to get a cotton swab shove up your nose. A little after 4 pm. I realized I was not going to be seen that day and I left. **The last day to get the antivirals.**

***TALK ABOUT A COMEDY OF ERRORS: As of today 2.13.23 I am still sick (day 22)***

I went to Rite Aid to get a Covid test and was told by the new staff I had to pay 9.95. My Insurance did not cover them. CARE OREGON & Providence (2nd) I came home and took my dog to the potty. Had a little bit to eat. Then see an email from Rite Aid. I called. They made a boo boo and my insurance does cover the covid tests. This was at 6 pm and I was just going back to bed. I had no more energy, too sick to go back to get the test. NO Guarantee that I would get the ANTIVIRALS by 8 pm when the pharmacy closed.

And I get a damn letter from CARE OREGON that they are not going to pay for DR ALLEN'S zoom chat because I see the dr too much. WTF? And my councilor, Zoom, has been short due to my illness and the poor decision makers at CARE OREGON are not going to pay Clark Rector's bill either. THIS is WHY we need a single payer system to cut out this garbage.

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