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House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Re: HB 2279 (2023)

Dear Chair Nosse and Members of the Committee:

The requirement for personal or mail transmission of prescriptions may be a significant barrier to timely care, particularly during inclement weather or for patients who may have waiting periods waived. The following suggested technical changes to page 3, line 8 allowing electronic transmission of prescriptions would help facilitate timely care under the Act:

[(L)] (k)(A) Dispense medications directly, including ancillary medications intended to facilitate the desired effect to minimize the patient's discomfort, provided the attending physician is registered as a dispensing physician with the Oregon Medical Board, has a current Drug Enforcement Administration certificate and complies with any applicable administrative rule; or

(B) With the patient's written consent:

(i) Contact a pharmacist and inform the pharmacist of the prescription; and

(ii) Deliver the ~~written~~ prescription personally, **electronically** or by mail to the pharmacist, who will dispense the medications to either the patient, the attending physician or an expressly identified agent of the patient.

Thank you and please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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