

Representative Tran

House Committee on Behavioral Health and Healthcare

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3:00 PM HR F and remote

In support of HB 3380

- 1) My name is Kimberly Cleveland, BSN , RN, CDCES (certified diabetes care and education specialist) and I work 32 hours per week with people with diabetes at the Samaritan, Lebanon Community Hospital Diabetes Education clinic.
- 2) I am testifying in favor of House Bill 3380

Expanding Medicaid access to CGMs addresses a serious inequity in healthcare. At least once a week, I will have a person with type 2 diabetes, using the Oregon Medicaid insurance come in asking about using a CGM. These participants often work and have significant financial pressures. Medicaid recipients have more non-whites than the general population. They also have more individuals with mental health diagnosis. These populations are vulnerable to health disparities. Because CGMs are not covered for people with type 2 diabetes, obtaining a CGM out of pocket is not an option for them. Alternatively, people with adequate financial health, are able to purchase CGM sensors out of pocket for ~140\$ per month. Providing this powerful tool to our vulnerable people with type 2 diabetes will empower them to make the best choices day to day for their diabetes management.

In conclusion, expanding Oregon Medicaid CGM coverage is one step towards decreasing inequity in our health care system. It will allow Oregonians to better self-manage their type 2 diabetes. If people with diabetes can keep their blood sugars in target range, they reduce the risks for diabetes complications that are devastating for the individuals and very costly for the health care system.

Thank you so much for your time,

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