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On Behalf Of: Adapt Integrated Health Care  
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Co-chairs Steiner and Sanchez, members of the Committee, for the record my name is Dr. Gregory Brigham and I write on behalf of Adapt Integrated Health Care, where I serve as CEO.

Adapt Integrated Health Care is a safety net program providing rural residents and unhoused persons access to high quality and affordable primary care, mental health services, and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment. We operate as a Federally Qualified Health Center in Douglas County, the Community Mental Health Program, and Local Mental Health Authority in both Douglas and Curry Counties and a comprehensive residential and outpatient SUD provider in four counties including Coos, Curry, Douglas, and Josephine Counties. In these capacities we operate 34 facilities, employ over 500 people and provide nearly 200,000 services to just under 13,000 residents annually. In addition to these health care services, we operate programs addressing food insecurity, employment, and housing for over 125 people.

Over the past couple of years, we have been able to coordinate these services into a “no wrong door” model in which a person enrolled in any service has access to all our services. Continued access to these services relies on residents having basic healthcare coverage. We estimate that as high as 30% of our patients may lose their coverage in OHP. While we provide care to all people regardless of their ability to pay, access to affordable health benefits increases the likelihood that people will seek out and access care. This means that chronic diseases are better managed, patients establish a primary care home, and there is less utilization of crisis care, saving the state money in the long run.

While we have made great strides in building capacity and access and substantial resources have been invested in the behavioral health care system this system remains in dire need of not only sustained funding but further investment. For example, Adapt Integrated Health Care operates as the CMHP for two counties and there is not a single bed of secure or acute psychiatric care in either of those counties. In addition to supporting affordable healthcare coverage for all Oregonians we strongly encourage further investment in the behavioral health system through continued funding of Behavioral Health Recovery Networks, expansion of mental health residential beds, SUD residential beds, supported housing and shelter beds, 988-related crisis resolution centers, and expansion of forensic and civil commitment services.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to share our views with you and thank you for your service to our community. Adapt Integrated Health Care welcomes all opportunities to partner with the State of Oregon to address these community needs.