

## Testimony on HB 4010

### House Committee of Behavioral Health and Health Care

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Chair Nosse, Vice-Chairs Goodwin and Nelson, Members of the Committee:

My name is Jennifer Zanon. I serve as Director of Supply Chain and Compliance for Pharmacy Services at OHSU.

We support Section 3 of House Bill 4010 which prohibits drug manufacturers from denying or restricting access to 340B discounted drugs at contract pharmacies. This will ensure drug companies fulfill their obligations under the 340B statute and support access for the most vulnerable Oregonians across the state to the medications they need.

As a safety-net and around 28% disproportionate share hospital, OHSU participates in the federal 340B Drug Discount Program.

The savings we achieve in this purchasing arrangement with the big drug manufacturers allows OHSU to stretch our resources further to meet the needs of our Medicaid population and expand access to additional pharmacy services patients need. OHSU also provides around \$417M in uncompensated care and \$34M in Charity care.

The 340B Drug Discount Program has been a successful federal program for over three decades. 340B was designed to ensure drug companies do their part to serve patients most in need.

Pharmaceutical companies largely supported 340B when it was created and have worked collaboratively with safety net hospitals for years to provide lower cost drugs. Recently, however, pharmaceutical companies have put in place restrictions on safety net hospitals, like OHSU, that have developed extended pharmacy networks to ensure patients, wherever they live, can easily access the prescription drugs they need.

OHSU's pharmacies are located in Portland/metro while contract pharmacies have allowed us to expand access to provide hundreds of locations throughout Oregon where patients can readily pick up their prescriptions. This practice has also allowed us to expand access to other services, including infusion services to more locations. For OHSU, this is of vital importance as more than 50% of our patients reside outside the Portland metro area and we serve thousands of Oregonians every year who live in every one of Oregon's 36 counties.

Thank you for the opportunity to share OHSU's support for Section 3 of House Bill 4010.

Sincerely,

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