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Friday, February 23, 2024

Senate Committee on Health Care

RE: HB 4130 – SUPPORT Closing the loopholes around the Corporate Practice of Medicine

Honorable Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden and Members of the Senate Health Care Committee,

AllCare Health is a company solely owned by independent providers (MDs, DOs, NPs) from Southern Oregon. Over the last two plus decades AllCare has adapted to help fill health care needs of the communities we serve. This includes helping manage the care of Oregon Health Plan and Medicare Advantage members, providing support for electronic medical records for medical offices across the state, and maintaining a strong Independent Physicians' Association for providers in the region.

To fill the medical services needs of Southern Oregonians and help with recruitment, AllCare Health started its own Management Services Organization (MSO) and Medical Group. Our MSO and Medical Group does everything from helping offices process claims to employing Nurse Practitioners wanting to serve small communities that haven't had a locally based provider for over 20+ years. As a local, provider owned company, with an MSO and a medical group, AllCare Health strongly supports HB 4130.

The independent practice of medicine has been under assault for years because of ever increasing administrative burdens and consolidation either through necessity or financial might. Independent providers are a vital part of Oregon's health care ecosystem especially when it comes to serving rural and underserved communities throughout the state. This assault on independent providers has resulted in a loss of access to care for many Oregonians.

HB 4130 is an important step to ensuring that coercive consolidation of independent providers can't be accomplished by financial brute force from organizations searching for the business holy grail of "vertical integration."

But we would call the legislature to continue this conversation even if this bill does pass. We need to find ways to make it easier for all independent practitioners to thrive in our state; to never have to consider consolidation as the means of survival.

Oregon's independent providers ultimately are a built around a simple business model: provide quality care by building a strong patient provider relationship. This is a model worth saving. This is a model worth protecting.

Sincerely,

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