



Medicaid Long Term Care Quality & Reimbursement Advisory Council

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Senator Mark Meek, Chair
Senator Brian Boquist, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue
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Chair Meek, Vice-Chair Boquist, and Members of the Committee,

Since its creation in 1995, the Medicaid Long Term Care Quality & Reimbursement Advisory Council (MLTCQRAC) advises the Oregon Department of Human Services and Oregon Health Authority on changes to the Medicaid reimbursement system and the positive or adverse effects of these changes for the quality of care in licensed long term care settings.

In our January Council meeting we reviewed the bill and we are recommending you support House Bill (HB) 4033, which will extend Oregon's nursing facility provider assessment for another six years, to 2032.

Since 2003 this provider assessment has a critical component of funding long term care in nursing facilities. During the time it has been in place, it has generated approximately \$950 million in revenue for the State and helped draw down nearly \$1.7 billion in federal funds from Medicaid match.

Low-income seniors rely on Oregon's continuum of long term services and supports to get the care they need with dignity and respect. For decades, our state's long term care system has been a national leader because the

State and providers have stepped up to make investments that allow for accessible, high quality care. Continuing the nursing facility provider assessment will help ensure that leading model continues.

Thank you for the committee's consideration of HB 4033 and, on behalf of the Council, we urge its passage this session.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Kinkade,
Co-Chair MLTCQRAC



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