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House Committee on Behavioral Health and Healthcare Oregon Legislature Submitted electronically

HB 2013 – Statement of Support

Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Javadi and Nelson, and members of the committee:

I am writing to express Moda Health's support of HB 2013, which would require health plans to cover services provided by licensed Substance Use Disorder (SUD) programs that employ Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselors.

It was a surprise to me to learn in yesterday's hearing that many commercial plans do not cover these programs. Oregon's licensed SUD programs form the backbone of available treatment services for Oregonians struggling with substance use disorder. Moda Health already provides full coverage for these programs and contracts with many of them. It is hard for me to imagine providing adequate coverage for SUD conditions without including these programs in a plan's network.

HB 2013 sets a clear and reasonable standard that will broaden access to SUD treatment for Oregonians and remove hurdles for programs trying to work with payers. Moda Health supports establishing this basic requirement.

Sincerely,

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