



February 13, 2025

The Honorable Rob Nosse
90 Court St. NE, H-277
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Support for HB 2057: Relating to prescription drugs; prescribing an effective date.

Dear Representative Nosse,

On behalf of OCHIN, I appreciate the opportunity to offer strong support for [HB 2057](#). OCHIN is a national nonprofit health information technology innovation and research network that is locally controlled by community-based providers including 46 Oregon organizations serving 630,000 patients with more than 179,000 covered under Medicaid. This bill will protect the 340B program, ensuring essential community health services are available to patients in rural and underinvested areas that need them most.

Today, the OCHIN network includes federally qualified health centers (FQHC), FQHC look-alikes, rural health clinics, local public health agencies, corrections, school-based clinics, tribal health organizations, youth authorities, and rural hospitals. For twenty-five years, the OCHIN collaborative has focused on expanding access in underinvested and rural communities to quality health care services through technology solutions, technical assistance, operational support, informatics, evidence-based research, and workforce development and training.

340B-related revenue makes up an average of 31% of total revenue of OCHIN member providers. Without this income, many health centers would be unable to provide discounted or free care that many people rely on. Unfortunately, health insurers and Pharmacy Benefit Managers currently require indicators for 340B drugs when submitting a claim, which can be used to claw back funding from health care providers. This results in lost revenue for health care providers and erodes the vitality of the 340B program which is essential for patients the program was designed to help.

For all these reasons, OCHIN supports this bill, and we thank you for your leadership. Please contact me, stollj@ochin.org, if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Jennifer Stoll".

Jennifer Stoll
Chief External Affairs Officer