



Infusion Access Foundation

Oregon State Legislature
House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care
900 Court Street Northeast
Salem, Oregon 97301

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Re: Support for HB 2011

Dear Committee Members

On behalf of the many patients in Oregon who depend on infusion therapy to manage complex, rare, and chronic conditions, we appreciate your dedication to ensuring access to high-quality healthcare. As a nonprofit organization advocating for individuals who require provider-administered infusion and injectable treatments, we respectfully ask for your support of HB 2011 during the House Committee On Behavioral Health & Health Care hearing on February 25th.

The Infusion Access Foundation is committed to protecting patient access to infusions and injections across all disease areas. Through both grassroots efforts and direct advocacy, we work to expand access to these essential therapies and assist individuals facing significant barriers to care.

One of the growing threats to patient access comes from insurance policies that require patients to obtain their provider-administered medications solely from third-party specialty pharmacies, a practice known as “white bagging.” Under these mandates, patients must purchase their medications from a specialty pharmacy instead of allowing their healthcare provider to source and manage the drugs directly. This policy imposes unnecessary risks and burdens, including treatment delays, financial strain, and medication waste.

White bagging presents significant challenges by requiring patients to pay for medications upfront before they even reach their provider’s office. If a patient’s weight, health status, or dosage needs change, these expensive medications—often costing thousands of dollars—can go unused, leaving the patient financially responsible. Additionally, specialty pharmacy requirements frequently cause dangerous delays in care due to shipment issues, administrative hurdles, and supply chain disruptions. For those with chronic illnesses, even brief interruptions in treatment can lead to severe disease progression, hospitalizations, and worse health outcomes.



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Community-based infusion centers play a vital role in delivering high-quality care in a cost-effective setting. However, restrictive white bagging policies threaten their ability to continue treating patients. If these centers can no longer afford to provide care, patients will have fewer options for receiving their necessary treatments. Many will be forced into higher-cost hospital settings, while others may experience gaps in care that put their health at serious risk.

Patients deserve access to their medications in a way that prioritizes safety, affordability, and continuity of care. HB 2011 is a crucial measure that will help protect patient access by preserving provider flexibility in obtaining and administering provider-administered drugs. We urge the House Behavioral Health and Health Care Committee to support this legislation to safeguard the health and well-being of infusion therapy patients across Oregon.

Thank you for your time and for your continued commitment to improving healthcare access for all Oregonians.

Sincerely,

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