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I'm a sole-practicing counselor specializing in trauma and the sole provider for my two children age 3 and under. While I'm committed to serving Oregon Health Plan clients with many clients strongly needing trauma services, the unpredictable threat of clawbacks creates intolerable risk for my small practice and vulnerable family.

I offer the best counseling I can, engaging in many training programs and improving my skills. I also believe I am being meticulous in compliance to avoid any clawbacks. The fear of how clawbacks could impact my family though has lead me towards building a more cash pay clientele.

An unexpected clawback, compounded by taking a percentage of all clients without taking a larger sample, could devastate me and my family financially. This forces an agonizing choice: limit access for low-income trauma patients who need specialized care, or risk my family's security.

With reasonable clawback protections, dedicataed providers like me could confidently serve our state's most vulnerable populations without fearing financial hardship. Our patients and communities deserve this solution.