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I am a mental health provider who works exclusively with clients in the medical assistance program. This bill would significantly improve my long-term ability to continue to provide high-quality mental health care to clients in the Medical Assistance program. The burden of cost and time required in an OHA audit impedes a practice from being able to best serve clients within the Medical Assistance program, and is inconsistent with the practices of private insurers. Passage of this bill will protect access to high-quality mental health care for a significant part of the Oregon public!