



Taking action for basic human needs.



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Honorable Senator Alan Bates and Representative Nancy Nathanson, Co-Chairs  
Joint Interim Subcommittee on Human Services  
Oregon State Legislature

Subject: CMS Waiver Renewal

Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments to you today. My name is Dale Penn and I currently serve as the Co-Chair for the Human Services Coalition of Oregon (HSCO).

HSCO is a well-established group of advocates and organizations with the goal of creating a place for collaboration, partnership, and dialogue between health, housing and human service providers. We work as a collective to advocate for increased revenue for these critical community investments.

With this goal in mind, HSCO is expressing support of continued efforts at OHA and the Governor's office that seek to protect and enhance critical services to Oregon's most vulnerable populations. We urge the Subcommittee to strongly support the draft 2017 1115 demonstration waiver application discussed today, which provides the opportunity to continue the successes from Oregon's Health Care Transformation efforts and its focus on the Triple Aim.

HSCO appreciates the dedicated work completed by the Governor's office and leadership at OHA in their efforts to advocate for additional federal investment dollars in Oregon's CCO model. Many of the human services and health care clients enrolled during the ACA expansion are represented by HSCO members, so our organization has a unique perspective on these matters.

The state has made great gains in providing more and better care to vulnerable populations and we seek to provide support to health care leaders at all levels as we take the next step towards the ultimate goal of better health, better care and more efficient health care services.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

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