

**Oregon Health Policy Board  
Public Employers Health Purchasing Committee Charter**

Approved by OHPB on December 8, 2009

I. Authority

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House Bill 2009 [Section 7(2)] directs The Oregon Health Policy Board (“Board”) to establish the Public Employers Health Purchasing Committee (“Committee”). The Committee shall include individuals who purchase health care for:

- Public Employees’ Benefit Board (PEBB);
- Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB);
- Public Employees Retirement System (PERS);
- City governments;
- County governments;
- Special districts; and
- Private, non-profit organizations that receive the majority of funding from the State of Oregon and request to participate

The Committee will be guided by the Triple Aim of improving population health, improving the individual’s experience of care and reducing per capita costs. The Committee will also be guided by the Oregon Health Fund Board’s final report, “Aim High: Building a Healthy Oregon,” (November 2008), particularly in reference to Building Block 3: Unify Purchasing Power:

Improve population health by:

- Promoting primary care, prevention, and wellness services through public contracting
- Expanding access to insurance coverage
- Promoting the use of evidence-based clinical standards

Improve the individual’s experience of care by:

- Increasing the use of patient-centered models of care that engage patients in decision making
- Using contract standards to increase the quality of care

Reduce per capita costs by:

- Building efficiency and value standards into public purchasers’ health care contracting
- Reducing pharmaceutical spending

This charter shall be reviewed annually to ensure that the work of the Committee is aligned with the Oregon Health Policy Board’s strategic direction.

## II. Objectives

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The Committee shall:

- Evaluate the aggregate market presence of public employer purchasers and other state-sponsored programs in local and regional Oregon markets.
- Compare and contrast the performance of local health care markets in Oregon in terms of utilization, cost and quality trends.
- Working with the Oregon Health Policy Board and relevant committees of the Board, develop uniform quality, cost and efficiency benchmarks that can be incorporated in health care purchasing programs of state and local governments and private sector entities.
- Develop purchasing policies, standards and model contract terms for health benefit programs that incorporate the best available clinical evidence (using evidence-based guidelines as a tool), recognized best practices and demonstrated cost-effectiveness for health promotion and disease management.
- Develop processes for collaboration among public employers and other interested purchasers of health benefits to foster the broad, statewide implementation of uniform and aligned purchasing policies and standards that emphasize value-based benefits.

## III. Deliverables

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The Committee shall deliver to the Board:

- A work plan that outlines specific, well-defined contracting policy and standards (focused on increasing quality and bending the cost curve) on which the Committee will be working, with supporting justifications.
- Reports that document the contracting policies, standards and model contract terms developed by the Committee, the implementation timeframes for health programs operating under the Oregon Health Authority and the actions taken to encourage other public and private employers to implement such policies, standards and model contract terms.
- An annual report recommending topics for investigation and study by the Board and its committees, or commissions and committees operating under the Authority, that would assist the Committee in future endeavors.

## IV. Dependencies

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The Public Employers Health Purchasing Committee will seek information from:

- Oregon Health Policy Board [policy]
- Patient-Centered, Primary Care Home Standards Advisory Committee [standards]
- The Health Leadership Task Force [value-based benefit, standards]
- Oregon Health Care Purchasers' Coalition [value-based purchasing, standards]

- Health Systems Performance Committee (OHPB) [quality standards, etc.]
- Health Services Commission (OHPB) [evidence-based guidelines]
- Health Resources Commission (OHPB) [comparative effectiveness studies]
- Office of Health Policy & Research [all-payer, all-claims data program]

The Public Employers Health Purchasing Committee will provide draft contracting policies, standards and model contracts for input to:

- OHA senior staff
- Oregon Health Policy Board

#### V. Timing

The Committee will provide its initial work plan to the Board no later than March, 2010; and its preliminary report, including recommendations for statutory changes, no later than June, 2010. A final report will be submitted in September 2010.

The Committee shall subsequently report to the Board on its activities and recommendations at least bi-annually.

#### VI. Staff Resources

Senior OHA Staff: Barney Speight

Policy Staff: Kelly Harms

#### VII. Committee Membership

Organization	Name, Title
Public Employers' Benefit Board (PEBB)	Diane Lovell, Board Member Joan Kapowich, Administrator
Oregon Educators' Benefit Board (OEBC)	Steve McNannay, Board Member Joan Kapowich, Administrator
Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) Health Insurance Program	Zue Matchett, Manager
County Government	Madilyn Zike, Human Resources Manager, Marion County Caren Cox, Multnomah County Employee Benefits Office Ronda Conner, Deschutes County
City Government	Lynn McNamara, Director, City-County Insurance Services (CIS) Cathy Bless, City of Portland
Special Districts	Linda Shames, Port of Hood River
Private, Not-For-Profit	TBD
Oregon Coalition of Health Care Purchasers (OCHCP)	Barbara Prowe, Executive Director