

**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

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, 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.

### 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 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 (“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]
- Payment & Quality Committee (OHPB) [quality standards, etc.]
- Health Services Commission (OHPR) [evidence-based guidelines]
- Health Resources Commission (OHPR) [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

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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

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Senior OHA Staff: Barney Speight

Policy Staff: Kelly Harms