



Lake Health District

Quality Care Close to Home

Lake District Hospital
Lake Health Clinic
Lake Health Specialty Clinic
Home Health & Hospice
Lake County Public Health
Lake District Emergency Medical Services
Lake District Wellness Center & Prevention

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Steven Ranzoni, MPH
Hospital Policy Advisor
OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY
Health Policy and Analytics Division
Office of Health Analytics
Salem, Oregon

Re: Unreimbursed spending floor minimum

Dear Mr. Ranzoni:

You have informed Lake Health District that the spending floor minimum for unreimbursed care for the past 2 years has not been consistent with the prior 5-year period. As such, the floor would be significantly higher than would normally be expected. Based on an analysis of our historical values, the average would be \$1,087,739 which is significantly different from what the rate would be based on the 2021 and 2022 rates using the standard methodology calculated by OHA. The past 2 years have been extraordinary for Lake Health District due to the effects of the COVID pandemic and Lake Health District's transition to a new electronic medical records system, Cerner, which has created billing inconsistencies, resulting in greater than normal unreimbursed care.

I am requesting that OHA deviate from the standard methodology for calculating our unreimbursed spending floor and use the prior 5-year average. We believe will correct the billing issues and the care delivered to our community will revert back to a more consistent with history trend.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Tveit
Chief Executive Officer