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Chiquita Brooks-LaSure
Administrator
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Department of Health and Human Services
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Baltimore, MD 21244

Dear Ms. Brooks-LaSure,

On behalf of the Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC), we are writing in support of Oregon's 1115 waiver application. Members of the MAC are grateful for the opportunity to advise the Oregon Health Authority, the Oregon Health Policy Board, and the legislature on the operations and policies pertaining to Oregon's Medicaid program from a consumer and community perspective.

MAC members are particularly supportive of the waiver policies that are designed to:

- advance equity,
- increase coverage and access to health care,
- support OHP members with transitions across systems,
- address upstream social determinants of health,
- establish equity-focused metrics,
- support investment in communities, and
- maintain existing waiver components such as the HERC, prioritized list, and the CCO model.

The waiver helps address foundational values centered on assuring access for Oregonians. We encourage OHA to continuously address how specific investments in value-based care and drug plan coverage may also limit or change coverage for some patients, and encourage a highly transparent, collaborative, and patient-centered approach to implementation.

We are excited about the overall waiver design and potential for achieving the goals of improved care access, health outcomes, and equity for all people in Oregon.

Sincerely,

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