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Samaritan-MultiCare Form A recommendation

To: Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)

From: MAC Samaritan-MultiCare Form A subcommittee

Date: June 10, 2026

Subject: Samaritan-MultiCare Form A recommendation

Process

Subcommittee members

- Reviewed Form A materials
- Met with MAC staff in May 2026 to discuss the Form A and a recommendation
- Reviewed and approved this recommendation

Background

In January 2026, MultiCare Health System filed a Form A regarding its intention to acquire Samaritan Health Services, which includes InterCommunity Health Plan (IHN), a coordinated care organization serving Oregon Health Plan members in Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties. Samaritan Health Services was seeking new investors to bring money and expertise to help shore up its rural health care network. Samaritan successfully manages its hospital-based services and reports that it lacks robust experience and expertise running a broad network of health care providers.

The proposed acquisition would require Samaritan Health Plans and IHN report to MultiCare for management oversight.

Recommendation

The subcommittee recommends that OHA approve the transaction with these requirements:

1. Enhance the Samaritan and InterCommunity Health Boards with MultiCare leadership so that the leadership of the organizations are more integrated.
2. To ensure that MutliCare follows through with its commitments, supplement OHA oversight and benchmarks with a public-facing dashboard for the CCO. This will help the community to also hold MultiCare accountable and build trust in the new system.