## **Health Care Market Oversight**

# Northwest Permanente and The Permanente Medical Group

The <u>Health Care Market Oversight</u> (HCMO) program reviews heath care business deals to make sure they support Oregon's goals of health equity, lower costs, increased access, and better care. On March 12, 2025, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) accepted a complete notice of material change describing plans for Northwest Permanente ("NWP") to affiliate with The Permanente Medical Group ("TPMG").

#### Who's involved?

**Northwest Permanente, P.C.** ("NWP") is an independent multispecialty medical group. NWP provides medical services for the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan in Oregon and southwest Washington across 31 medical offices and two Oregon Kaiser Foundation Hospitals.

**The Permanente Medical Group, Inc.** ("TPMG") is an independent medical corporation based in California. TPMG is the exclusive medical services provider for Kaiser Foundation Health Plan members in Northern California across 210 medical offices and 21 hospitals, all owned and operated by Kaiser Foundation Hospitals.

#### About the deal

NWP proposes to enter an affiliation with TPMG, [which would allow them to collaborate/share resources, technology solutions, operational efficiencies.] NWP and TPMG state that this transaction would not result in any changes to staffing levels or availability of services in Oregon.

### What's next?

OHA is reviewing this deal to understand how it could affect access to care for communities in Oregon. During the review, OHA will use health care data, news and media reports, information from the entities, and public input to decide whether the deal should be approved. After completing a review, OHA will issue a decision about whether the deal may proceed as planned.

## We want to hear from you!

Public input helps us understand how this deal could help or harm people in your community. To share your thoughts about this deal, please email <a href="https://hcmo.info@oha.oregon.gov">hcmo.info@oha.oregon.gov</a>, leave a voicemail at 503-945-6161, or <a href="mailto:fill out the public comment form">fill out the public comment form</a>. In your comment, mention "NWP", what you think, and whether you support or oppose the deal.

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