Health Care Market Oversight

The Oregon Clinic and Northwest Gastroenterology Clinic

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 April 25, 2025, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) accepted a complete notice of material change describing plans for The Oregon Clinic (TOC) to acquire Northwest Gastroenterology Clinic (NWGI).

Who's involved?

The Oregon Clinic is a private multi-specialty physician clinic that has 60 locations across the Portland metro area. TOC has 270 providers that offer access to 30 types of specialties and subspecialty services. TOC reported serving more than 320,000 patients in 2024.

Northwest Gastroenterology Clinic is a gastroenterology specialty clinic with two clinic locations, in the Portland area. The clinic provides various gastrointestinal care services including outpatient services, infusions, and inpatient services. NWGI employs 13 providers and reports serving more than 20,000 patients in 2023.

About the deal

The Oregon Clinic seeks to acquire Northwest Gastroenterology Clinic. Through the deal, Northwest Gastroenterology physicians will become employees and shareholders of The Oregon Clinic, and The Oregon Clinic will own all of NWGI's equipment and assets. TOC plans to invest in a shared electronic health records system for NWGI. The entities cite increasing challenges facing independent providers as a driver of the transaction. The entities state that they do not expect any changes to staffing or services post-transaction.

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 hcmo.info@oha.oregon.gov, leave a voicemail at 503-945-6161, or fill out the public comment form. In your comment, mention "NWGI", what you think, and whether you support or oppose the deal.

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