

Public Comments

The [Health Care Market Oversight](#) (HCMO) program reviews proposed health care business deals to make sure they support Oregon's goals of health equity, lower costs, increased access, and better care. This document presents public comments related to the HCMO review of 048 The Oregon Clinic-Northwest Gastroenterology. OHA accepted public comments during the preliminary review period. Public comments were received via email to hcmo.info@oha.oregon.gov, voicemail, or by filling out the [Public Comment Form](#). Comments are presented below in the order received and may include typos or misspellings. Personal contact information for individuals has been removed.

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1. No subject, 6/3/25

I am writing in opposition to this proposed acquisition. The loss of Northwest Gastroenterology will have a devastating effect upon patient care and the choices of providers to the residents of Portland. First, please review litigation regarding Oregon Clinic's past patient care and that which is currently pending. Secondly, please consider the disposition of gastroenterology providers in Portland, and the insurance ""network"" affiliations to the hospitals in Portland subscribe. Oregon Clinic controls an overwhelming majority of the available providers in the Portland such that their market share of all specialties is disproportionately large. At the same time over the recent past, their quality of care and attention to detail has been disastrous. Permitting the loss of NW Gastroenterology's Independence would be a terrible disservice to the people of Portland and beyond, please reject it.

Reed Anderson

2. No subject, 6/3/25

I am strongly opposed to the Oregon Clinic acquiring Northwest Gastroenterology. The Oregon Clinic has been taking over many private practices over recent decades. This is an act of monopoly that limits the ability to choose a physician for a patient.

Hiroko Anderson

3. No subject, 6/8/25

The Oregon Clinic acquisition of Northwest Gastroenterology is very concerning because they are taking over an disproportionate number of practices in the Portland area. The availability of physicians not affiliated with The Oregon Clinic in Portland is shrinking, limiting the available choices for patients. Please reject this proposal.

Julie Houghtling

About HCMO

The Healthcare Market Oversight Program reviews proposed health care business deals to make sure they support statewide goals related to cost, equity, access, and quality. For more info, you can connect with HCMO staff:

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