



VIA EMAIL

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Re: Determination of Covered Transaction Status — 079 Salem Health-Santiam

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is the state agency charged with operating the Health Care Market Oversight Program under Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 415.500 through 415.900 and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 407-070-0000 through 407-070-0085.

On April 16, 2026, OHA confirmed receipt of a complete Notice of Material Change Transaction form (“Notice”) from Salem Health Hospitals & Clinics (“Salem Health” or “Applicant”) related to Salem Health’s planned transaction involving Santiam Memorial Hospital (“Santiam”) in compliance with OAR 409-070-0030 and 0045. (Collectively, Salem Health and Santiam are referred to herein as “Entities.”) Pursuant to ORS 415.501(5) and OAR 409-070-0055, OHA timely completed a preliminary review. OHA has determined that the proposed transaction (“Transaction”) is a covered transaction pursuant to OAR 409-070-0010(1)(b) and that a comprehensive review of the Transaction is required.

Pursuant to OAR 409-070-0030(3)(c)(B), OHA has assessed a fee of \$80,000 associated with the comprehensive review. This fee includes the \$2,000 previously paid and associated with preliminary review.

OHA will send an invoice for the remaining fee of \$78,000. Pursuant to OAR 409-070-0060(2), payment is due in full within 30 calendar days of billing.

Definitive agreement(s) must be provided by May 20, 2026, pursuant to OAR 409-070-0045(5)(a)(B).

Pursuant to OAR 409-070-0060, OHA will issue a proposed order within 180 days of receipt of a complete Notice, unless otherwise tolled or extended as permitted under OAR 409-070-0045(6) and 409-070-0055(4).

Please contact HCMO if you would like to request a comprehensive review conference pursuant to OAR 409-070-0045(2). The comprehensive review conference provides an opportunity to discuss OHA's comprehensive review criteria, timing/process questions, and the use of outside advisors.

This letter and OHA's Preliminary Review Report will be posted to the HCMO program website at www.oregon.gov/hcmo.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact HCMO at hcmo.info@oha.oregon.gov.

Sincerely,



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