

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 084 Universal Health Services-Talkspace. 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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Official & Regulatory Complaints

Beyond employee reviews, the corporation has faced intense scrutiny over the standard of care provided to patients:

- **Legal Settlements:** The company previously paid \$117 million to the Department of Justice to resolve allegations of knowingly submitting **false claims** for medically unnecessary inpatient behavioral health services for adults and children. [1]
- **Regulatory Inquiries:** Consumers and watchdog organizations continue to log formal grievances, as seen with ongoing disputes listed on the [Better Business Bureau](#). [1, 2]

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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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