

Public Comments for 11/19 Rules Hearing

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 rules hearing](#) from 11/19/2024. Public comments were received via email to hcmo.info@oha.oregon.gov. 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. HCMO Administrative Rules, 11/16/2024

As testimony I would like to state that the rules as proposed fail to be rooted in health equity. Affordable or lower cost mean different things to different people. I have been denied OHP in the past because I made just a little over what was an acceptable income for the program. So I have gone without healthcare to deal with the inflation of groceries, gas etc. I know people that are intentionally making less money to have access to affordable health care. I'm not sure what this is doing to the economy but it can't be good. It seems the rich and the poor in this state are taken care of and the middle class is taken advantage of having to pay more than their share. This is not health equity.

Sincerely,

Brian Corbett

2. HCMO Rules, 11/16/24

I served as a member of the RAC. I do not oppose the rules as proposed, however I believe that they are still deficient in carrying out the intent of the legislation . We have been told that another round of revisions will be proposed after the legislative session that will address some of the many problems identified in the public comments already submitted. With this is mind I do not object to the present amendments but want it in the public record that they are minor changes that do not address major issues.

Karen Christianson, JD

3. HCMO Administrative Rules, 11/17/24

Corporate mergers and acquisitions continue to have a negative impact on healthcare affordability, access and equity across the nation and right here in Oregon.

The current administrative rules and the current revisions do not and will not change that. "House Bill 2362 requires OHA's framework to be rooted in health equity and the Triple Aim - cost, quality, and access to services."

The rules as proposed fail to be rooted in health equity. The rules as proposed fail to adequately review the effects according to the Triple Aim. It is essential that the rules are written to meet the intent of the law, the Oregon Health Policy Board guidelines, and Oregon's goal of health equity by 2030. In Oregon, there is a constitutional fundamental right to healthcare. All actions that the state takes must strive to achieve that right.

Jay Hunt

Washington County

4. Health care for ALL- Health Equity, 11/20/24

Greetings:

Healthcare affordability, access and equity across the nation and right here in Oregon are impacted by large corporations and corporate mergers. We need administration rules and revisions that will help change access and affordability for all Oregonians.

"House Bill 2362 requires OHA's framework to be rooted in health equity and the Triple Aim - cost, quality, and access to services."

The rules, as proposed, fail to be rooted in health equity. These proposed rules fail to adequately review the effects according to the Triple Aim. It is essential that the rules are written to meet the intent of the law, the Oregon Health Policy Board guidelines, and Oregon's goal of health equity by 2030.

In Oregon, there is a constitutional fundamental right to healthcare. All actions that the state takes must strive to achieve that right.

Let's work together to make healthcare for all a reality.

Kindly,

Jennifer Jenkins Glowacki

5. HAO Comment Letter, 11/21/24

The Health Association of Oregon (HAO) submitted a [public comment](#) on 11/21/24. The comment is posted on the [HCMO Rules Webpage](#).

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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