

April 3, 2026

Re: OHP and provider network stability

Dear Oregon Health Policy Board Members and OHA Leaders,

We write to convey our expectation that the Committee align the scope of the Quality Incentive Program (QIP) for Measurement Year 2026 with the program's significantly reduced funding level.

The Oregon Health Authority's recent agency rebalance reduces QIP funding by nearly 60 percent for the 2026 measurement year. This substantial change fundamentally alters the scale of the program. Maintaining the current number of QIP metrics under a dramatically smaller incentive pool will dilute the program's effectiveness and place unrealistic expectations on Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) and their provider partners.

Since its establishment through SB 1580 (2012), QIP has served as a cornerstone of Oregon's Medicaid quality strategy. By tying a portion of CCO capitation payments to clearly defined quality and outcome measures, QIP has helped drive improvements in prevention, chronic disease management, behavioral health integration, and health equity. Importantly, these incentive payments flow largely to frontline providers through value-based payment arrangements that support care coordination and community partnerships.

Given the reduced scale of the program, we respectfully ask the Committee to quickly reduce the number and complexity of QIP metrics for measurement year 2026. Aligning the metric set with the available incentive funding will help maintain focus on the highest-priority measures, preserve provider engagement, and ensure that remaining QIP resources continue to drive meaningful improvements in care for Oregon Health Plan members.

We appreciate the Committee's thoughtful stewardship of Oregon's quality measurement framework and thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,



Senator Lisa Reynolds



Representative Rob Nosse



Representative Ed Diehl



Representative Hai Pham



Representative Emily
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