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To: Joint Committee on Ways and Means From: Elsie Lloyd (student, age 11), Portland, Oregon

Subject: Fully Fund Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Ask for Medicaid Funding and Increase Funding Assigned to the Coordinated Care Organization Incentive Metric pool.

I am support of fully funding the OHA's Medicaid request and IMPLORE you to not only fund the requested 2% incentive metric program, but to **expand and increase the funding** for this program.

Why am I asking for **more funds for the CCO incentive metric program in light of the bleak financial times**? Because the incentive metric program is a critical lever for three factors

- 1) **Factor 1: Accountability:** Incentive metrics ensure **accountability and quality in how CCO global budget funds are used**, and direct funding to measureable and incentivized priority areas.
- 2) **Factor 2: Sustain Primary Care.** Incentive metrics have been shown to keep primary care and prevention activities a focus.
  - a. We are already seeing a deep back slide in where CCO funding is going despite the increases to global budgets being provided, such as a reduction on value based payments that went to primary care providers, lack alternative payment for clinic-based traditional health workers
- 3) **Factor 3: Funds for Children Should Go to Children.** In the 13 years that we have had CCOs, there is evidence to show that incentive metrics are an essential element to ensure that **global funds provided for children actually go to children**.
  - a. Now is **NOT** the time to further harm our children by providing funds to CCOs that are intended for children, that instead are used for high cost adults.
  - b. Children who don't receive quality, upstream Medicaid services often result in costs – funded by the state- in other systems, such as education and DHS involvement.
  - c. Parents whose children don't receive covered services can't work

Now is the time to ensure the precious funding that we have is not spent in a reactive way that is solely aimed at reducing downstream costs, but instead is strategic and prioritizes what builds and sustains Oregon's future health – children.

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