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The Honorable Alan Bates, M.D., Co-Chair  
The Honorable Tina Kotek, Co-Chair  
Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Human Services Subcommittee  
900 Court Street, NE  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Impact of Oregon Health Plan expansion on addictions and mental health

Dear Senator Bates and Representative Kotek:

The Addictions and Mental Health Division (AMH) is providing the attached briefing paper to you and the members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Services, in response to questions raised during our division's presentation to the committee. Members of the committee requested information regarding the potential impact, or offset, of Oregon Health Plan Standard (OHP-S) expansion on the need for non-Medicaid funding.

During the presentation, AMH was able to provide the committee information regarding the financial impact of the OHP-S expansion as proposed in the Governor's Recommended Budget (GRB). It has taken us a little longer to assess the human impact of the expansion.

In summary, OHP-S expansion will serve only a small fraction of those receiving community, non-Medicaid addiction and mental health services; 24 percent of people in mental health services, and 5 percent of those individuals receiving addiction treatment services. The majority of individuals needing addiction services or mental health services will not be able to access OHP-S during the coming biennium.

Please let us know if you have questions regarding this information, or if we can provide additional information for you or your members.

Sincerely,

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