Improving access to timely and quality medical services for injured workers

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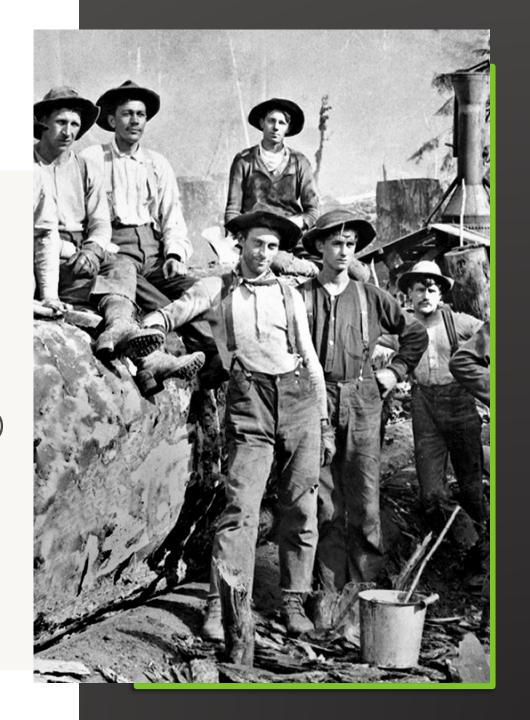
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# SAIF's history in the marketplace

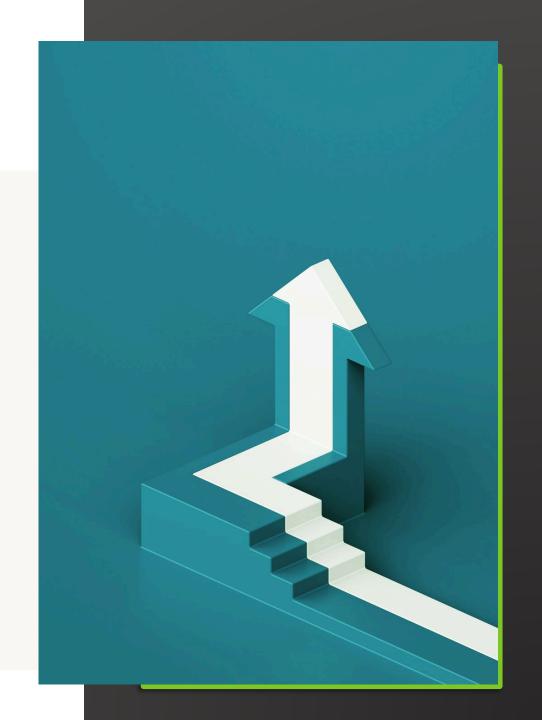
- Created in 1914 by the Oregon Legislature
- Today largest provider of workers' comp insurance in Oregon
  - 54,000 businesses (including construction, logging, agriculture, etc.)
  - □ 1,300 public entities
- Proudly provide benefits to injured workers who were injured in the 1940s
- Received 40,000 claims in 2023



### Early warning signs

#### Is workers' comp at a pivot point?

- Access to care delays
- Rising medical costs



# SAIF data on access to care issues and rising medical costs

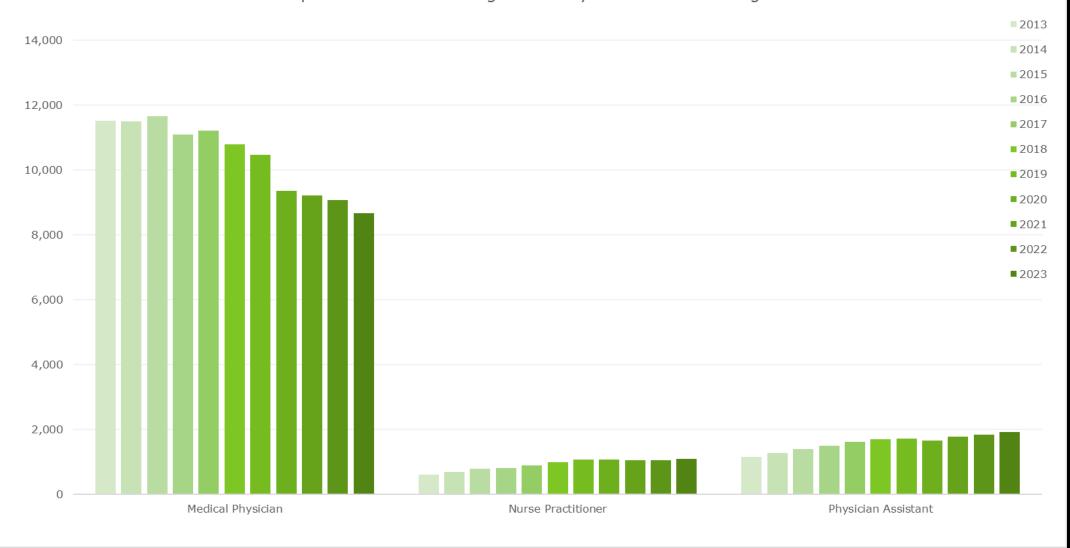
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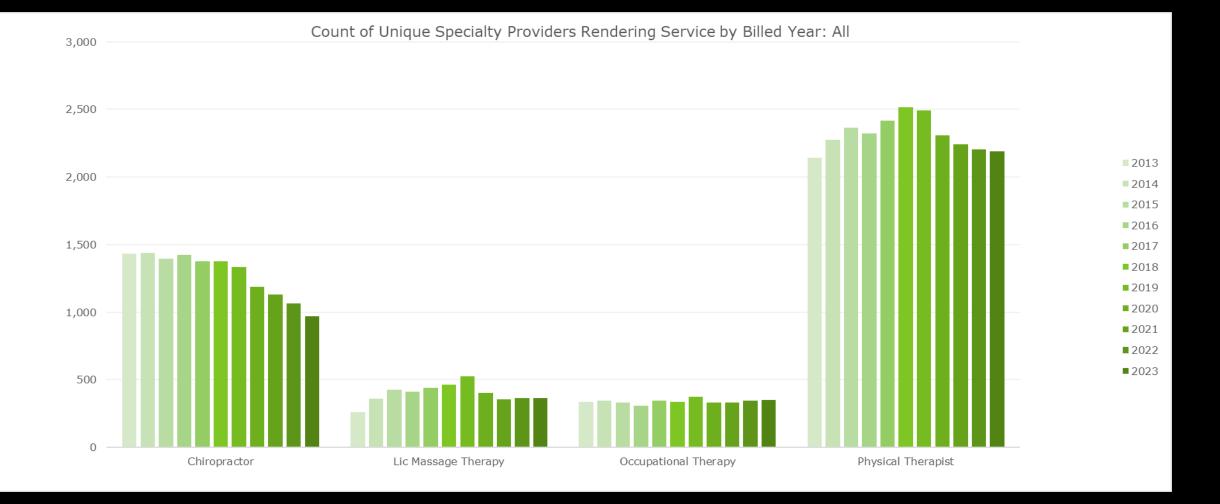
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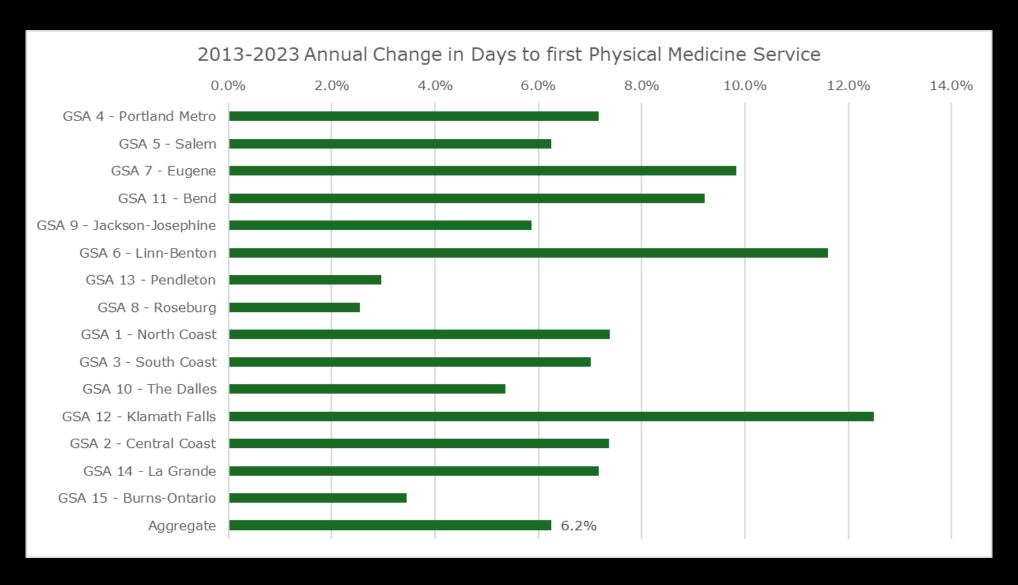
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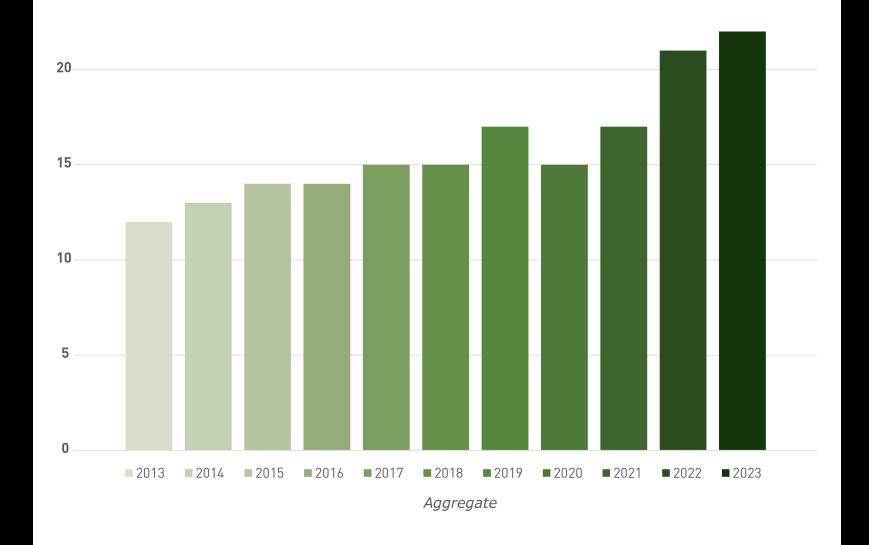


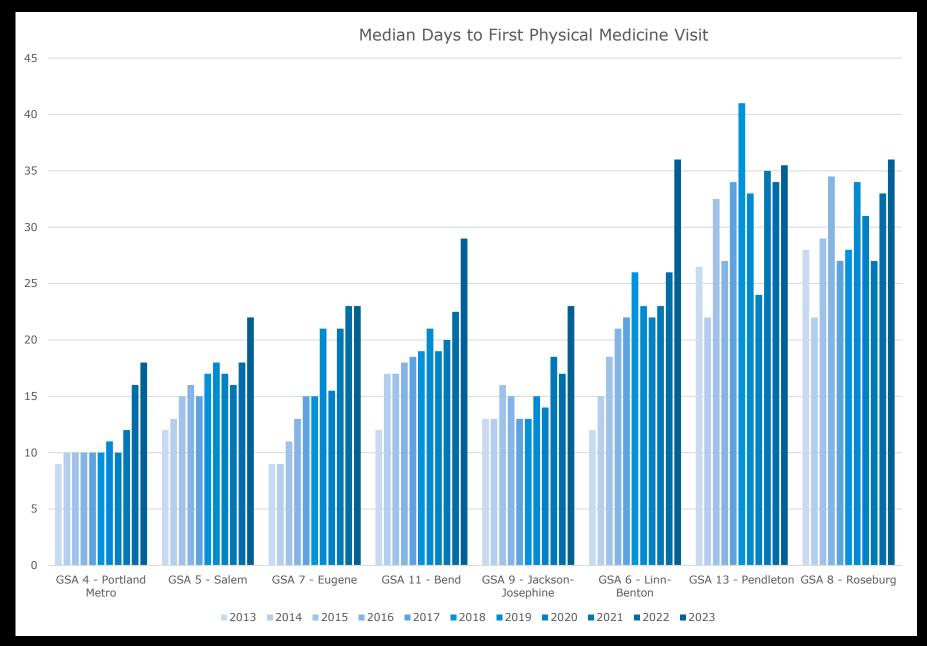
#### Count of Unique Providers Rendering Service by Billed Year: All Oregon

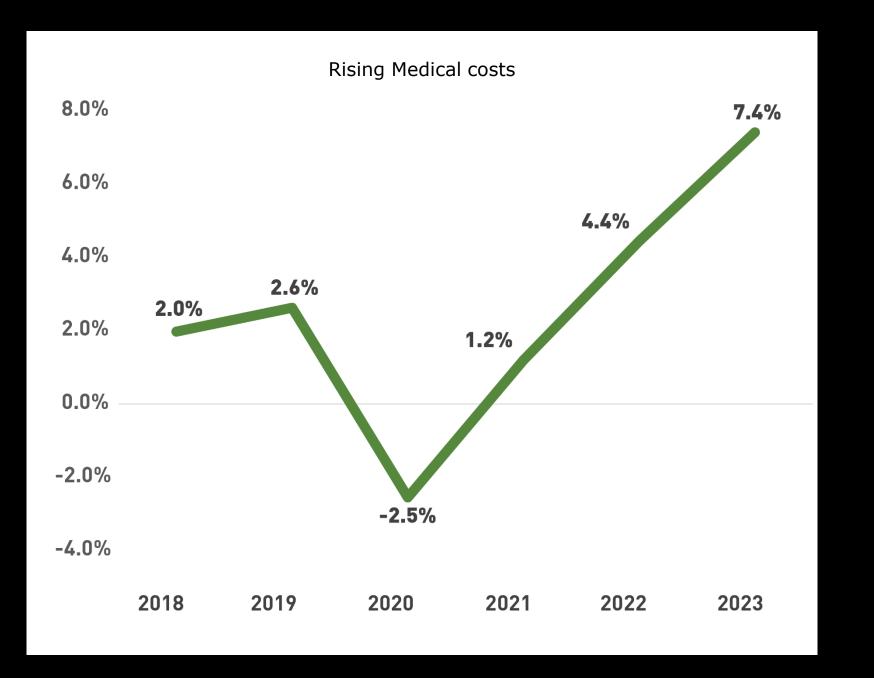












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## Gives SAIF the ability to explore innovative solutions

- Loan forgiveness to attract providers into workers' comp
- Recruit more providers and reduce administrative barriers
- Partner with, or create SAIF-owned, managed care organization
- Work toward greater data interoperability between workers' comp and larger health care system



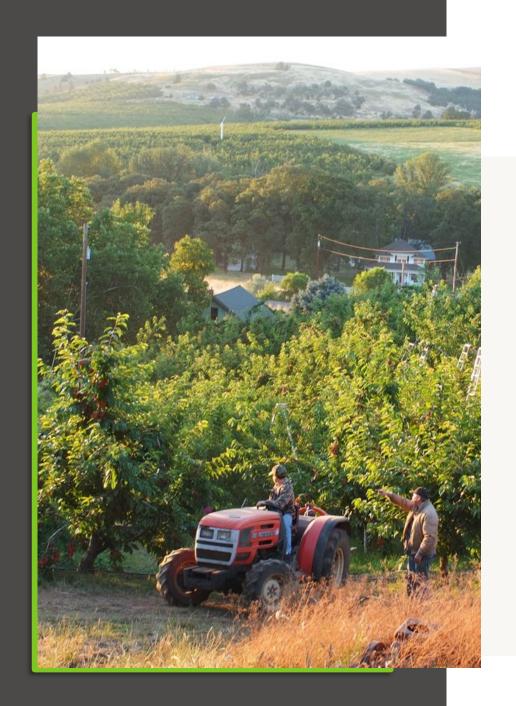
- Give SAIF the ability to "solicit and coordinate with medical service providers" and "provide managed medical care services" to injured workers.
- Create statutory requirement for SAIF to have a "firewall"
  - Ensure sufficient separation between claims processing operations and the provision of managed care services to injured workers
  - Requires rulemaking by WCD
  - Requires annual compliance audit (with SAIF bearing the costs)
- Subsidiary, if any, with separate board of directors appointed by Governor

### **SAIF - Part of the solution**

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SAIF's mission is to serve Oregon's workers and employers by making workers' compensation widely available, affordable, and accessible, and by providing extraordinary service.

# Questions?

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