

Health Care Market Oversight

Pennant Group, Signature Home Health and Signature Hospice Bend

The [Health Care Market Oversight](#) (HCMO) program reviews health care business deals to make sure they do not harm people and communities in Oregon. On August 23, 2024, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) accepted a notice describing plans for the Pennant Group to buy two home health and hospice business from Signature in Bend.

Who's involved?

Pennant Group, Inc. ("Pennant") is a for profit company that owns home health and hospice agencies and senior living communities. They are located in 14 states, including Oregon. The Pennant group buys home health, hospice, and senior living businesses, but the businesses remain independent as a subsidiary of Pennant. Pennant currently owns two home health agencies and two hospice agencies in Oregon.

Signature Group ("Signature") is a for profit group of companies affiliated with the Avamere group of companies that owns home health and hospice agencies in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. The Signature and Avamere companies own the following facilities in Oregon: 13 home health and hospice agencies, one primary care and palliative care agency, 16 assisted living facilities, 16 skilled nursing facilities, and other operations-focused entities.

Signature owns two home health and hospice businesses in Bend: **Signature Home Health** and **Signature Hospice Bend**.

About the deal

Pennant is proposing to buy Signature Home Health and Hospice Bend from Signature. Pennant states that it does not plan on changing any services offered by Signature Bend. Pennant is buying all of Signature's home health and hospice agencies in Oregon (see [HCMO transaction notices and reviews](#)).

What's next?

OHA is reviewing this deal to understand how it could affect access to care for communities in Oregon. During the review, OHA will use health care data, news and media reports, information from the companies, and public input from to decide whether the deal should be approved. After completing a review, OHA will issue a decision about whether the deal may proceed as planned.

We want to hear from you!

Public input helps us understand how this deal could help or harm people in your community. To share your thoughts about this deal, please email hcmo.info@oha.oregon.gov, leave a voicemail at 503-945-6161, or [fill out the public comment form](#). In your comment, mention "Bend Signature", what you think, and whether you support or oppose the deal.

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