# **Health Care Market Oversight**

# Oregon Health & Science University and Legacy Health System

The <u>Health Care Market Oversight</u> (HCMO) program reviews heath care business deals to make sure they do not harm people and communities in Oregon. On October 4, 2024, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) accepted a complete notice of material change describing plans for Oregon Health & Science University ("OHSU") to buy Legacy Health System ("Legacy").

### Who's involved?

**OHSU** is a public university health system that owns or is affiliated with three hospitals in Portland metro area. They also own multiple medical clinics across Oregon. The OHSU system also includes research centers and university education programs. OHSU serves patients throughout Oregon.

**Legacy** is a nonprofit health system that owns and operates six hospitals in the Portland and Vancouver metro areas, and the mid-Willamette valley. They also own and operate 70 outpatient clinics including primary care, urgent care and specialty care clinics throughout the same regions.

#### About the deal

OHSU is proposing to buy Legacy. OHSU states that Legacy will be a fully owned business of OHSU, and Legacy will be fully integrated into the OHSU system. OHSU states that the transaction will not change the level of services provided and the transaction will allow OHSU to expand access to health care services.

## 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 entities, and public input 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 <a href="mailto:hcmo.info@oha.oregon.gov">hcmo.info@oha.oregon.gov</a>, leave a voicemail at 503-945-6161, or <a href="mailto:fill out the public comment form">fill out the public comment form</a>. In your comment, mention either "OHSU" or "Legacy", what you think, and whether you support or oppose the deal.

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