



## Oregon 2017 Position Paper

The Oregon Association for Home Care (OAHC), in its effort to preserve access and quality of care in the delivery of home care, has identified the following State priorities for 2016 and beyond.

### Oregon Issues

- Actively participate in the development of Face to Face State regulation for Medicaid Home Health services.
- Advocate for continued annual reviews of Medicaid home health reimbursement rates, administrative streamlining and improvement of payment methodology to a prospective system by the Medical Assistance Program (MAP)
- Actively monitor and support legislative and regulatory measures that are favorable to and promote home care as an integral and valuable, evidence-based model of care in the overall continuum of health care available to all Oregonians.
- Advocate for responsible State regulations that do not add a barrier to access to care commensurate with issued federal guidelines.
- Actively monitor accurate billing and payment for Hospice services for RHC/SIA new payments.
- Advocate for passage of Interstate Compact to allow MDs to practice across State lines.

### Limit Additional Requirements for Home Health Practitioners

Oppose legislation that creates additional requirements for practitioners that provide Home Health and Hospice – heavily regulated by CMS, requirements for home health and hospice agency practitioners are excessive. Additional state requirements will only make access to home health more challenging. And because home health agencies utilize various practitioners with various licensing boards, compliance with the same requirements by different boards would be difficult. Because of these reasons, we oppose:

SB 48 – Continuing education requirement for suicide prevention

SB 50 – Continuing education requirement for pain management

### Limit Burdensome Employment Requirements and Cost Increases

HB 2193 – Scheduling requirements

SB 301 – Drug Testing

SB 487 – Damage Caps

### Support Legislation that Makes Home Health and Hospice Accessible and Streamlined for Patients

SB 494 – Advanced Directives

SB 768 – Advanced Directives Registry

SB 786 - Telehealth

HB 2862 – Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment