

IMPROVING OUR RETURN ON INVESTMENT IN HEALTH

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Oregon has an impressive history of public-private collaboration in support of health care reform, making substantial improvements to health care coverage and quality for Oregonians. Our continued progress will rely on our ability to make smart, strategic investments in Oregonians' health and health care, education, and other services. In 2017, the employer community will build collaborative efforts to align public and private investments to achieve significant returns on investment on the lifelong health and productivity of Oregonians.

Background

A year ago business, health care, and state government leaders provided input to update the health strategies in the 2016 Oregon Business Plan. These strategies included:

- Continued support for reform initiatives that improve the effectiveness and outcomes of our health care system, while reducing the cost burden to both private and public payers
- Addressing key policies around Medicaid funding and insurance market reform in order to create sustainable financing and insurance access for Oregonians
- Support for initiatives that invest funding “upstream” to align mutual goals for health, wellness, and productivity.

Our Progress in 2016 and Challenges We Face

Oregon has maintained the momentum for health system reform through continued focus on integration of health care through Oregon's Medicaid Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs), as well as the cost and quality initiatives spearheaded by the Oregon Health Leadership Council (OHLIC). Implementation of the Affordable Care Act in Oregon has reduced Oregon's uninsured rate to one of the lowest in the country. There is also momentum among employers, schools, health care entities, and other partners in support of community level collaborative efforts to maximize resources targeting the underlying causes of poor health and health disparities among Oregonians. Oregon Healthiest State has made great strides organizing key sectors around these upstream determinants of health. Namely, the Blue Zones Project has kicked off its work in Oregon, and several communities are organizing around health and well-being best-practices.

We are challenged to find a sustainable funding approach to supporting our state services, and while there is cross-sector momentum to invest upstream to improve how our communities support health, organizing stakeholder efforts on clear focused initiatives remains difficult. Additionally, the continued insurance market instability after the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and recent dramatic increases in pharmaceutical pricing will be challenges in 2017.

Proposed 2017 Priorities

1. Continue to drive our collaborative health transformation efforts to keep making gains in efficiency and quality, as well as curbing cost growth.
2. Identify sustainable funding approaches for Oregon's Medicaid program, education, and other public services. Moreover, develop and adopt budgeting that will have a positive long-term impact on health, educational attainment, and life-long productivity of Oregonians.
3. Pull together our collective efforts and resources to implement evidence-based, outcome-focused approaches to build a culture of health across Oregon. This includes supporting efforts underway like the Oregon Healthiest State Initiative to accelerate our progress.