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Oregon Law Prevails: Local Healthcare Providers Remain in Control of Medical Decisions in Eugene

*Judge Kasubhai stated, "Dr. Patel made a conscious choice to deceive this court under oath,"
by attempting to exert control over local doctors*

SALEM, Ore. – Today, PeaceHealth announced plans to renew its contract with Eugene Emergency Physicians after the group fought to keep its staffing out of the control of private equity firm ApolloMD. Additionally, U.S. District Court Judge Mustafa Kasubhai ruled that ApolloMD will have no role in Eugene patient care going forward – a hard fought victory made possible by the 2025 passage of [SB 951](#).

"As it relates to 951, I think it is a wise and far reaching decision Oregon undertook to protect patients and medicine from exactly what happened in this case," stated Judge Kasubhai.

Statements from Oregon State Representatives

"Today's decision is a watershed moment for our state. After a decades-long trend of corporatization in healthcare, we are now moving in the opposite direction – back to physician-directed, patient-centered healthcare. Less than a year after it passed, Oregon's law worked," said **House Majority Leader Bowman (D-Tigard, Metzger, S Beaverton)**. "This is a victory for Oregon, for Eugene Emergency Physicians, and for patients. We will continue to lead in the fight to keep doctors and patients in control – not corporations and private equity firms."

"This decision stops the potential disruption for patients, as well as for the doctors and their families. I am hopeful for continued productive discussions that prioritize improving patient experience, wait times, and quality of care at the emergency department," **Rep. Nancy Nathanson (D-North Eugene)** said.

“I’m thrilled to hear that PeaceHealth listened to this community and recognized that renewing Eugene Emergency Providers’ contract is essential to stabilizing and strengthening emergency services at the hospital,” **Rep. Lisa Fragala (D-Eugene)** said. “This outcome is a victory for our community and for a healthcare system that puts providers and patients first, not corporate profits.”

“This is a big win for our community. Eugene Emergency Physicians are local doctors that have a history of providing excellent care and they have the trust of patients,” **Rep. John Lively (D-Springfield)**, whose district includes PeaceHealth River Bend, said. “Renewing their contract is the right decision. Thanks to all who worked hard and advocated to make this happen.”

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