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Legislators Successfully Intervene to Limit Disruption in Constituents' Health Care

Optum/Oregon Medical Group announced that they will not enforce non-compete language and will continue filling prescriptions for patients in need following pressure from legislators.

Eugene, Ore. — In a meeting today Optum/Oregon Medical Group representatives told **Rep. Nancy Nathanson (D-North Eugene)** and **Sen. Floyd Prozanski (D-Eugene)** that they are letting clinicians know non-compete language in contracts will not be enforced and that pharmaceutical prescription refill requests will be granted by the OMG clinic.

“I am relieved that Optum is listening to our constituents and making the right choice,” said **Rep. Nathanson**. “We must ensure that Oregonians have no lapses in access to the care or life saving medicines that they need. I am grateful to those constituents who contacted me so that I could convey the real impacts caused by this disruption of care.”

Since the [news](#) about physicians at Oregon Medical Group leaving clinics following an Optum Inc. notice, Nathanson and Prozanski brought the community together to understand the impact it would have on the lives of Oregonians. They [penned a letter](#) to the medical group imploring them not to add to disruptions in care, and pressed Optum on the urgency for many constituents who still lack doctors and are in critical need of getting prescriptions refilled.

In a statement provided to the legislators today, Optum/OMG representatives said Optum’s practices in Oregon will not be enforcing employment non-competes on any physician or Advanced Practice Clinician. They also confirmed that if someone is an Oregon Medical Group patient in need of a prescription refill, they should contact their pharmacy directly which will then contact Oregon Medical Group.

“This news is a win for patients, providers, and members of our wider community who are concerned about the impact of a disruption in health care services in our area,” said **Sen. Prozanski**. “We in the legislature need to continue to look out for our communities as health care companies change to make sure access and cost of care is not negatively impacted.”

This situation is still unfolding and legislators are committed to continued monitoring of the situation for the local area as the delivery of health care changes rapidly from access to urgent care and hospitals to pharmacies and specialists.

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