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Oregon Senate and House Democrats Will Act to Preserve Access to Health Care for Planned Parenthood Patients

The Trump federal budget bill had sought to limit Medicaid patients' free choice of providers

SALEM, OR – More than 70,000 patients a year with Medicaid coverage turn to Planned Parenthood in Oregon for health care. Emergency action by the Oregon legislature will preserve their access to care at Planned Parenthood after the option was threatened by the Trump administration's federal budget law.

"The Oregon legislature's Emergency Board will allocate \$7.5 to Planned Parenthood after a Trump budget law stripped Medicaid patients of their right to choose their health care provider," said **Oregon Senate Majority Leader Kayse Jama (D – East Portland, Boring & Damascus)**. "When the 2026 legislative session convenes, leaders will continue the work to support this essential community health care provider and the patients they serve all around our state."

For decades, federal law has granted people with Medicaid health coverage "free choice" to receive Medicaid-covered services from any qualified medical provider willing to participate in the Medicaid program. A recent Trump budget law began banning Medicaid—known as the Oregon Health Plan here—from covering the other ninety percent of Planned Parenthood services in Oregon that are unrelated to abortion, such as cancer screenings, STI tests and treatment, contraception, preventive care, basic infertility, and gender affirming care. A separate and ongoing federal law prohibits Medicaid from covering abortion services except in the case of rape, incest, or when the woman's life is in danger.

"Tens of thousands of Oregonians rely on Planned Parenthood for compassionate, affordable care. From cancer screenings to STI testing to reproductive health and abortion services, they are an essential health care provider," said **House Majority Leader Ben Bowman (D-Tigard, Metzger & South Beaverton)**. "Despite President Trump and federal Republicans' efforts, we will not let Planned Parenthood health centers shutter in Oregon."

"All people, regardless of income or insurance coverage, deserve the freedom to choose their trusted medical provider and have access to care they can afford," said **Christopher Coburn, executive director of Planned Parenthood Action Oregon**. "We are ready to work alongside

our state leaders to keep care available and will continue to do everything in our power to fight back against the Trump administration.”

The Emergency Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18. The proceedings will be livestreamed at bit.ly/OLIS-video.

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