



## **Oregon Health Care Transformation OBA Guiding Principles**

The rising cost of health care is an unsustainable burden on Oregon businesses and families. House Bill (HB) 3650, passed by the 2011 Oregon Legislature, launched the comprehensive and integrated reform of Oregon's Medicaid system. In early 2012, the Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB) will present a business plan to lawmakers for review and approval. OBA recognizes the long-term benefits of Transformation - more sustainable costs and better health care for all Oregonians.

To that end, the following guiding principles should be employed to measure the success of Oregon's Transformation Initiative and help define a Coordinated Care Organization's (CCO) structure, power and function:

- 1. Oregon's Health Care Transformation should provide CCOs the flexibility and sustainable resources to meet the health needs of the local community.***
- 2. Transformation should provide efficient, innovative and high-quality care that is measured and objectively evaluated for its effectiveness by the OHPB.***
- 3. Transformation should increase the number of covered lives and reverse the growing trend of cost shift to business and the private sector.***
- 4. Transformation should offer CCOs and their providers anti-trust protection to ensure the highest level of coordination.***
- 5. Transformation should address the issues of defensive medicine and the costs of medical liability.***
- 6. CCOs will be accountable to the Oregon Health Authority for their results and for providing ongoing public outreach and stakeholder involvement.***
- 7. Transformation should change the health care culture in Oregon to a public health focus with an emphasis on prevention, wellness and disease management; and it should provide incentives that lead to better population health, enhanced individual care and controlled costs.***
- 8. Transformation should support a coordinated public education campaign that teaches patients how to access care, the value of care and gets them involved in cost-benefit solutions.***
- 9. Transformation should ensure that CCO best practices are coordinated and shared across the state so that all communities achieve better population health, enhanced individual care and controlled costs.***
- 10. Transformation should be implemented in coordination with other health and wellness strategies as outlined in Oregon's Action Plan for Health from December 2010.***