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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these proposed rules.

The definition of “primary care” as written is overly broad and would include specialty care. The definition of “primary care provider” leaves out licensed providers that provide primary care.

(9) “Primary care” means family medicine, general internal medicine, naturopathic medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics or general psychiatry.

(10) “Primary care provider” means:

- (a) A physician, naturopath, nurse practitioner, physician assistant or other health professional licensed or certified in this state, whose clinical practice is in the area of primary care.
- (b) A health care team or clinic that has been certified by the Oregon Health Authority as a PCPCH.

The Division may consider adopting the definition of “primary care” and the approach for the definition of “provider” (referencing the statutes of licensure) found in ORS 735.500 set out below.

735.500 Requirements for certification as retainer medical practice; disclosures; rules. (1) As used in this section and ORS 735.510:

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(b) “Primary care” means outpatient, nonspecialty medical services or the coordination of health care for the purpose of:

(A) Promoting or maintaining mental and physical health and wellness; and

(B) Diagnosis, treatment or management of acute or chronic conditions caused by disease, injury or illness.

(c) “Provider” means a health care professional licensed or certified under ORS chapter 677, 678, 684 or 685 who provides primary care in the ordinary course of business or practice of a profession.

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