

THE U.S. HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IS BROKEN, AND OREGONIANS HAVE THE POWER TO FIX IT.

It's time to build a health system that is affordable, accessible, and efficient and makes sense to everyone who uses it.

The current health care system is broken.

We need a system that can take care of us now and serve future generations. Health is not just the result of medical care – it is also the result of taking care of our bodies, our minds and the environment around us.

We Can Do Better at getting health for our health care dollars.

We don't have to start from scratch; we have great expertise in this country to learn from. We have to start by asking “what do we need in order to achieve better health, and how can we design a system that actually gets us there?”

Our current health system is complicated and confusing.

Oregonians should be able to understand how their tax dollars are being spent, how to navigate the health system and how decisions are made. People who need help should get their needs met in a way that is timely, effective, affordable and easy to understand.

There are some Oregonians who need help accessing services.

There will always be Oregonians who live on the margins. The homeless, mentally ill, and impoverished are familiar examples, but there are also Oregonians who were raised in different cultures or speak languages other than English. Today, Oregon's network of safety net clinics and providers meet those needs. To truly improve health our systems should be clear, easy to understand and accessible to everyone.



We already have a system of "universal access" to health care – it's called the emergency room.

When Oregonians without coverage need care, they go to the emergency room - often waiting until they are very sick. If we were going to design a point of universal access we'd pick something more cost effective and efficient, allowing emergency room staff to do what they are trained to do – respond to real emergencies.



The Oregon Better Health Act is a first step – it would allow Oregon to seek exceptions from the federal government and allow our state to use federal and state dollars in a way that makes sense to us. The next step – working together to design the system – is up to us.



The US health care system is broken and Oregonians have the power to fix it. We can create a new system – one with a clear and simple goal: health. Stay informed, get involved, sign up:

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