



May 10, 2023

Morrow County Commissioners  
100 Court Street  
Heppner, OR 97836

Re: Written Testimony – Morrow County Ambulance Service Plan

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony regarding the proposed updating/revision of the Morrow County Ambulance Service Plan. We recognize the importance of an efficient and competent Ambulance Service and wish to thank the Commissioners for their thoughtful consideration of our comments as you finalize your plan.

EOCCO (Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization) serves approximately 70 thousand Medicaid beneficiaries within a 12-county rural area in Eastern Oregon. EOCCO has approximately 5000 members in Morrow County. In the past year, our records reflect 264 ambulance runs serving EOCCO members within Morrow County.

As most of our beneficiaries live in Rural or Frontier areas, EOCCO is aware of the added challenges and costs associated with serving this population. As such, we are very concerned with any proposed modification of the existing ambulance plan that would potentially destabilize services, increase costs of providing the service or fragment the service – reducing coordination.

EOCCO has been satisfied with the ambulance services provided for EOCCO members through the Morrow County Health District and we are concerned with any change that would impact the finances of the Health District and its ability to serve the Medicaid population in Morrow County. We would strongly encourage The Morrow County Commissioners to maintain the existing Ambulance Service Plan allowing the Morrow County Health District to continue serving all of Morrow County.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments.

Sean Jessup, CEO  
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