

Public Comments

The [Coordinated Care Organization Form A program](#) (CCO Form A) reviews certain proposed business deals that involve Medicaid Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) to make sure that they promote the interests of Oregon Health Plan members and all people in Oregon, and support Oregon's shared goals of health equity, lower health care costs, increased access to care, and high-quality care. This document presents public comments related to the CCO Form A review of 03 MultiCare – InterCommunity Health Network. OHA accepted public comments during the review period. Public comments were received via email to CCO.FormA@oha.oregon.gov or voicemail. Comments are presented below in the order received and may include typos or misspellings. Personal contact information for individuals has been removed.

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1. 4/13/2026

The Linn Local Advisory Committee submitted a [letter](#) regarding the proposed transaction.

2. 4/20/2026

The Lincoln County Coordinated Healthcare Advisory Committee submitted a [letter](#) regarding the proposed transaction.

3. 4/26/2026

To Whom It May Concern,

I, Brecca Claitor, committee member of OHP, and member of the Local CCC and BLAC, am pleased to offer my strong support for the proposed partnership between MultiCare and InterCommunity Health Network Coordinated Care Organization (IHN-CCO). I believe this collaboration will enhance existing partnerships and position the region to effectively address the evolving healthcare needs of our community.

Benton County benefits from a robust network of collaboration among healthcare systems, independent providers, public health agencies, social services, and community organizations. These partnerships have facilitated coordinated care initiatives, innovative pilot programs, and data-driven population health strategies. The proposed affiliation is aligned with these efforts and will enhance them by providing additional clinical expertise, operational capacity, and long-term system resilience.

What sets Benton County apart is the opportunity to leverage innovation, research, and workforce development through partnerships with local institutions and an engaged community. This affiliation offers a platform to expand best practices, incorporate evidence-based care models, and support the training and retention of healthcare professionals across disciplines—particularly in primary care, behavioral health, and integrated care settings.

I are encouraged by the potential to further improve care coordination for Oregon Health Plan members, especially those with complex needs. Improved system alignment can facilitate smoother transitions between care settings, promote holistic, whole-person care, and increase access to specialty services while aiming to keep care local whenever possible.

Equally important is a commitment to community engagement and transparency. The Benton Local Advisory Committee values meaningful local input in decision-making processes and looks forward to ongoing collaboration throughout the implementation of this affiliation. Maintaining local responsiveness while capitalizing on the strengths of a larger system is essential to building trust and achieving positive health outcomes.

Overall, I view this partnership as a strategic advancement that promotes innovation, reinforces existing relationships, and supports the goals of the Oregon Health Plan. I respectfully encourage the Oregon Health Authority to approve the proposed affiliation between IHN-CCO and MultiCare.

Thank you for your leadership and continued dedication to the health and well-being of Oregon communities.

Sincerely,

Brecca Claitor.

4. 4/28/2026

I'm writing in support of the proposed SHS/IHN/MultiCare affiliation. I was impressed after reading the PSW patient story. I think it shows that Multicare is committed to both excellence and supports one of Multicare's core values: "Health with Humanity." Based on Multicare's recent presentation at our Linn Local Advisory Committee meeting, it appears a partnership will also be of significant value to our patient community within IHN-CCO.

5. 4/28/2026

The Lincoln County Coordinated Healthcare Advisory Committee submitted a [letter](#) regarding the proposed transaction.

6. 5/4/2026

Hi this is in regard to the MultiCare and IHNCCO transition. I am an employee at Samaritan, and I am concerned about a few things generally speaking I think that this actually is a really good cash infusion situation and MultiCare seems to have a really good track record from what I've heard from people who live in Washington. However, I think that part of this conversation from OHA should be looking into the leadership as to how we got here in the first place which is that teams are running skeletal beyond skeletal they're burned out mental health is at an all time low and it seems like. Basically being middle manager and lower level are just running on fumes and I would like to know from OHA like how they're going to help take care of all these workers who are scared and haven't really been confirmed that we get to keep our jobs throughout all this so we're running ragged and we don't even have job security. The other thing I would like to wonder about or it would be nice to hear from MultiCare is how exactly we will get to keep these jobs and what we'll do in terms of things like MultiCare actually says you can't work in the state of Oregon if you work for them so how is that going to work just good questions and I look forward to the public session soon thanks.

7. 5/13/2026

Kathryn A Henderson submitted a [letter](#) regarding the proposed transaction.

8. 5/18/2026

Distinguished Members of the Oregon Health Authority,

My name is Tina Smith. I am writing to you today as an IHN member and a Community Advisory Council (CAC) representative to express my strong support for the proposed affiliation with MultiCare.

As a resident of Linn County, my primary priority is maintaining continuity of care with my current providers and ensuring that essential medical services remain accessible close to home. This affiliation does not disrupt patient coverage; rather, it strengthens the existing care system that supports us.

Partnering with MultiCare will directly benefit our community by reducing wait times, improving care coordination, and expanding available services within Linn County. It ensures that local residents can continue to rely on a stable, trusted, and localized healthcare infrastructure.

Approving this affiliation provides immediate clarity and stability for patients, preventing the unnecessary hardships caused by prolonged uncertainty. For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Oregon Health Authority to approve this transaction to safeguard and enhance care for patients across our region.

Sincerely,

Tina Smith

IHN Member & CAC Representative

About CCO Form A

The CCO Form A Review program is reviewing this deal to understand how it could affect Oregon Health Plan members and all people in Oregon. For more info, you can connect with CCO Form A staff:

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