

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of County Participation in
The Oregon Health Plan as CareOregon

RESOLUTION 93-384

WHEREAS, Multnomah County has traditionally been a leader in the provision of public health services in the State of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County's mission has included the provision of health care services to the poor, and the County has pioneered reform in health care delivery to the poor; and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County has experience in developing managed health care systems and providing primary care services to diverse populations on a regional basis; and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County is a major provider of services under the Medicaid system; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon has now mandated delivery of all future Medicaid care in the state through Managed Care programs under the Oregon Health Plan (OHP); and

WHEREAS, the success of the OHP is important to Multnomah County in that it will ensure increased access to medical care at lower costs thus maximizing the health and productivity of the community at large; and

WHEREAS, the State will benefit from Multnomah County's experience and expertise in providing managed care services in a public health context; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon, through the Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP), has specifically requested Multnomah County to take the lead in the development of a managed care system, CareOregon, to serve as a choice for low income eligible Oregon residents ;and

WHEREAS, CareOregon will be a consortium comprised of Multnomah County , the Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU), Clackamas County and the Oregon Primary Care Association (OPCA) designed to

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provide access to health care under the Oregon Health Plan in 25 of Oregon's 36 counties;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Multnomah County shall take responsibility for the provision of medical services under a managed care system known as CareOregon which shall be established to operate statewide through Intergovernmental Agreements with OMAP, OHSU and Clackamas County and contracts with clinic members of the Oregon Primary care Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Multnomah County Health Department, through its Director or the Director's designee, is authorized to enter into such agreements as necessary to operate the CareOregon system efficiently.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Multnomah County believes that the success of the Oregon Health Plan is not only a matter of county concern but a matter of national concern. The nation will watch the Oregon experiment as America crafts national health care reform in the coming years. Multnomah County' participation as CareOregon will demonstrate the importance of public-private partnerships in the delivery of health care for all citizens.



ADOPTED this 9th day of December, 1993.

By

Beverly Stein, Chair
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