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## Umpqua Health Alliance Passes First Phase of Readiness Review

### *UHA Demonstrates Strong Ability to Serve OHP Members*

**ROSEBURG, Ore.**, October 7, 2019 – The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) announced Friday, Oct. 4 that Umpqua Health Alliance (UHA) passed the first phase of a recent readiness review process. UHA received complete ratings in 87 of the 93 elements and was rated progress sufficient to start operations in six elements. None of the elements reviewed were rated as incomplete.

The readiness review process evaluates whether each Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) is able to perform the requirements of its contract by the start of 2020. This first phase of readiness review included an inspection of high-priority functions that impact member care, management personnel interviews, a demonstration of the CCO's health information systems, and an analysis of the capacity of the CCO's individual and facility/service provider network.

"I am incredibly proud of this outcome," says Brent Eichman, Umpqua Health CEO. "This readiness review process gave UHA the chance to demonstrate that we have the resources, capacity, and systems in place to serve our members. Of the 15 CCOs approved for 2020, UHA demonstrated the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest Readiness Review Score in the state with a 94% completion rate."

OHA also announced that during readiness reviews it found many of the issues it encountered in the initial applications from CCOs had already been improved or corrected.

"The amount of time, effort, and careful attention to detail by UHA staff showcases the passion UHA has for serving Douglas County," Eichman adds. "We are committed to managing the care of the Oregon Health Plan population in our community."

Phase two of Readiness Review, which evaluates operational preparedness, is still in progress and will continue through November.

#### **About Umpqua Health**

Umpqua Health is the parent company of Umpqua Health Alliance, one of 15 Oregon coordinated care organizations serving the Oregon Health Plan. The Roseburg-based company and its subsidiaries are focused on expanding access, improving care, and reducing unnecessary costs across the clinical space for more than 27,000 Douglas County residents on the Oregon Health Plan.

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