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Hi Douglas,

I have been recently made aware Regence, Mota, and Providence Health Plan are adopting benefit plan designs that shifts significant payment responsibility from the plan to those members diagnosed with End-Stage Renal Disease. I also notice that patients that would be enrolled in these plans are stripped of Patient Choice and would have to obtain other coverage without regard to their best interest, or their eligibility for such coverage. These plans **strip away Patient Choice**, are **discriminatory towards ESRD patients**, and if they are not removed from the market, **could lead to significant financial expense for patients**.

I have seen situations where payors insert patients into the middle of a financial negotiation with providers and this feels like such a tactic now. I find such tactics reprehensible and unconscionable; not to mention the question of their legality. **I sincerely hope that you force these bad actors to be removed from the Oregon health insurance market in advance of open enrollment.** As someone with a sister afflicted with ESRD, I'm deeply committed to advocate for fairness and patient rights within the insurance industry. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
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