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Chair Susan Manchester
Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee
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Columbus, Ohio 43215

Chair Manchester, Vice Chair Brenner, Ranking Member Weinstein, and members of the Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee: on behalf of OAHP, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony to Sub House Bill 96.

We would like to highlight a couple of amendments OAHP would like to see **included** in the Senate Budget sub bill:

- **Default Notifications (SC0625):** Allows an insurer to conduct business electronically via an automated transaction without first obtaining affirmative consent from the insured. Requires the insurer to communicate a procedure by which the insured may opt out of electronic communications and, instead, conduct business on paper. Specifies that automated transaction of business related to individual health insurance policies constitutes delivery to the insured unless the insured communicates to the insurer in writing or electronically that the insured does not agree to delivery by automated transaction. **This would allow insureds the convenience of electronic notifications, saving both time and money.**
- **Facility Fees (amendment number forthcoming):** This amendment would limit facility fees in hospitals to outpatient facilities that are constructed or that did not previously operate as an outpatient physician facility prior to its acquisition by a hospital. **OAHP pulled previous facility fee language due to implementation issues in Indiana. We took feedback and revised the language to ensure Ohio does not have the same problem.**
- **Provider Payment Method (SC0454):** Replaces the bill's prohibition against insurers mandating providers to accept payment by credit card with a requirement that insurers allow providers to opt out of payment by credit card. Requires an

insurer to disclose only those fees that are charged by the insurer, as opposed to fees "associated with a particular payment method," which may include fees charged by a financial institution, credit card issuer, or payment processor. Extends the time within which an insurer must change a health care provider's payment method following a request by the provider. Allow an insurer to unilaterally change a provider's payment method if the insurer has not generated a payment to the provider in more than one year. **OAHP has worked with ODI and has sign off from the Department and the Governor's Office on this language.**

OAHP supports **removal** of the language below that was included in the House version:

- **PBM Amendment, Dispensing Fee (SC0291; INSCD6)**: The provision institutes a mandated dispensing fee on every prescription filled in Ohio. The mandated per prescription fee is, estimated to be between \$10.50-\$15.47, and conservative estimates project the cost to be \$6.4 billion dollars over the next decade. **This language would increase drug costs at a time where prescription drug costs are already too high for Ohio businesses and consumers.**

We encourage members of the committee to discuss these provisions in regard to access and help control costs for businesses and enrollees. Thank you for your time and consideration!