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Oregon Primary Care Association Announces New Partnership with Upstream to Advance Reproductive Health Access Across Oregon

Portland, OR – The Oregon Primary Care Association (OPCA) announces a new partnership with Upstream USA, a national nonprofit organization focused on expanding access to comprehensive reproductive healthcare.

Through this partnership, OPCA and Upstream will collaborate to strengthen the capacity of Oregon’s community health centers to deliver patient-centered contraceptive care and improve access to the full range of evidence-based family planning services for Medicaid members and underserved communities across the state.

Upstream partners with health care systems and providers nationwide to offer training and technical assistance for systems transformation aimed at removing barriers to contraceptive access. This empowers patients to make informed decisions about their reproductive health.

“Community health centers are at the forefront of delivering comprehensive, whole-person care,” said Brooke Linn, Vice President of Programs for OPCA.

“This partnership with Upstream is an important opportunity to integrate reproductive health into primary care further, ensuring patients across Oregon—especially those covered by Medicaid—have timely access to the care they need.”

The collaboration will support Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) through:

- Clinical training and education to expand contraceptive care capabilities
- Workflow and systems re-design to support same-day access to services
- Quality improvement strategies aligned with patient-centered care models
- Efforts to reduce disparities in reproductive health outcomes

By aligning the national expertise of Upstream with OPCA's connection to Oregon's network of health centers, the partnership will strengthen sustainable models of care that reflect the needs of both patients and providers.

Community Health Centers serve as critical access points for reproductive health care, particularly for low-income individuals, rural communities, and historically underserved populations. This partnership reinforces a shared commitment to advancing health access, improving patient health outcomes, and supporting the long-term sustainability of Oregon's safety net system.

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About OPCA

Oregon Primary Care Association is a non-profit membership association of Oregon's 31 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), including two FQHC Look-Alikes. The organization's mission is to lead the transformation of primary care to achieve health access for all. www.orpca.org

About Upstream

Upstream USA is a national nonprofit that partners with healthcare providers and systems to expand access to the full range of contraceptive options through training, technical assistance, and systems change initiatives. www.upstream.org

About Oregon's Federally Qualified Health Centers

Oregon's Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) deliver integrated medical, dental, and behavioral health services to many of the state's most vulnerable communities through over 270 locations statewide. Over 450,000 Oregonians receive their care at a community health center, including one in six people covered by the state Medicaid Program, Oregon Health Plan.

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