

# Public Health and Coordinated Care Organizations

## Important messages to share

- ▶ Oregon needs a strong public health system to achieve better health outcomes at lower costs and to transform health care delivery.
- ▶ Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division's mission is to promote health and prevent the leading causes of death, disease and injury in Oregon.
- ▶ As a part of the Oregon Health Authority, the Public Health Division plays an important role in helping Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) achieve their goals:

**Prevention programs:** Public Health's evidence-based community programs keep people healthy and reduce the need for health care. These programs include:

- Tobacco prevention;
- Worksite wellness;
- Policy development coalitions;
- Home visits to asthma patients and pregnant women.

Public Health will work with CCOs and local partners to connect people to these programs.

**Community-based prevention guidelines:** Public Health is the information source for how to prevent injury and illness and promote health. Public Health will ensure CCOs across the state have proven prevention models, guidelines and appropriate standardization levels.

**Health assessment:** Public Health routinely measures, monitors and provides formal health assessments of communities and the state. Public health data will be available to help CCOs measure their progress toward achieving better health at lower costs.

**Health equity:** Public Health has expertise in engaging diverse groups in the community. Using this expertise, Public Health can help guide CCOs in addressing health disparities and improving health equity.

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