

Health Care for **ALL** Oregon

Mission –

To work for an equitable, affordable, comprehensive, high quality, publicly funded universal health care system serving everyone in Oregon and the United States.

Vision –

Achieving a health care system ...

- that ensures comprehensive, high-quality health care to all;
- that provides care based on patients' needs rather than profits, focusing on prevention, effective treatment, and improved medical outcomes;
- that is publicly financed, directing resources to medical care and minimizing administrative expenses and waste.

Principles –

HCAO recognizes health care to be a human right. We seek to create a health care system based on the principles of Universality, Equity, Accountability, Transparency Participation, and health care as a Public Good.

- **Universality:** As a human right, health care must be accessible to everyone, without exception.
- **Equity:** Health care resources and services must be distributed and accessed according to people's needs. Health, wealth, employment, age, race, gender, immigration status, and other factors should not result in any barriers to health care or disparities in health outcomes.
- **Accountability:** The health care system must be accountable to the people it serves. It must ensure effective delivery of care and stewardship of resources that improve individual and population health and provide means to uphold and enforce human rights standards in care.
- **Transparency:** The health care system must be open with regard to information, decision-making, and management.
- **Participation:** The health care system must enable meaningful public participation in all decisions affecting people's right to health care.
- **Public Good:** Health care, as a fundamental element of a just society, must not be rationed by cost as a commodity in private markets, but be secured to the people on an equitable basis by public means, similarly to education, public safety, and public utilities.