



September 4, 2023

Rules Coordinator
Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner
P.O. Box 40258
Olympia, WA 98504

RE: Consolidated Health Care Rulemaking CR-101(R 2023-07)- Prepublication Draft

SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL TO: rulescoordinator@oic.wa.gov

To Whom May It Concern:

I am writing to you on behalf of Susan G. Komen (Komen) to comment on the Office of the Insurance Commissioner's (OIC) consolidated health care rulemaking, specifically as it relates to WAC 284-44-046, WAC 284-46-110 and WAC 284-50-270 – mammograms coverage requirements and cost sharing for diagnostic and supplemental breast imaging. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on behalf of the breast cancer community.

Komen is the world's leading nonprofit breast cancer organization representing the millions of people who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. Komen has an unmatched, comprehensive 360-degree approach to fighting this disease across all fronts—we advocate for patients, drive research breakthroughs, improve access to high quality care, offer direct patient support and empower people with trustworthy information. Komen is committed to supporting those affected by breast cancer today, while tirelessly searching for tomorrow's cures. We advocate on behalf of the estimated 7,050 people in Washington who will be diagnosed with breast cancer and the nearly 960 who will die from the disease in 2023 alone.

As the primary proponent of SB 5396, we appreciate the agency's rulemaking efforts to ensure the legislation is implemented to the full extent authorized by the legislature. It is critically important for all cancer patients to have fair and equitable access, without additional barriers, to the type of breast imaging that may save their lives.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this proposed rule, we look forward to continuing to engage in this process on behalf of the breast cancer community we represent. If you have any questions, or if we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to Kirsten Smith, Komen's Regional Manager for State Policy and Advocacy, at KiSmith@komen.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Birch", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Rebecca Birch
Director, State Policy & Advocacy
Susan G. Komen