

OAFP Affirms Commitment to Safe Clinical Spaces, Stronger Privacy Protections – Urges Legislators to Pass Senate Bill 1570

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The Oregon Academy of Family Physicians has long held that access to health care is a human right. In the past year, federal policy related to certain kinds of health care, and vulnerable patient populations, have made clear that this right is at risk.

Our members are sharing increasing alarm at the activity they can see – and the patients they do not see – near and in the clinical spaces where they work. Patients are avoiding needed care, and the consequences will be far-reaching.

Children are missing out on needed checkups and vaccinations, leaving them more at risk during an unusually severe influenza season. Adults are not coming in for care to manage chronic conditions. We are learning of instances of immigration officials entering clinical spaces in ways that disrupt care and compromise patient privacy and even removing patients from clinical settings against medical advice.

We call on legislators in the 2026 legislative session to take action to safeguard essential health care through further restricting disclosure of individually identifiable information about patients, including but not limited to name and gender, place of birth or immigration status. We also call for strengthening privacy provisions for clinicians and extending those protections to the larger clinical team. We urge our members to contact their legislators and ask them to support [Senate Bill 1570](#), also known as the Healthcare Without Fear Act.

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The OAFP is the largest medical specialty society in Oregon, with over 1800 members. Having adopted policy opposing the criminalization of reproductive and gender-affirming care in 2020, in May 2025, the Academy adopted policy stating that our members believe that health care spaces should be kept free of immigration enforcement activity.