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Monday, February 6, 2012

To: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland  
Chair, Senate Committee on Human Services

The Honorable Joshua B. Green, M.D.  
Chair, Senate Committee on Health

From: 'Ohana Health Plan

Re: Senate Bill 2472-Relating to Patient Centered Medical Homes

Hearing: Monday, February 6, 2012, 3:00 p.m.  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 016

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'Ohana Health Plan is managed by a local team of experienced health care professionals who embrace cultural diversity, advocate preventative care and facilitate communications between members and providers. Our philosophy is to place members and their families at the center of the health care continuum.

'Ohana Health Plan is offered by WellCare Health Insurance of Arizona, Inc. WellCare provides managed care services exclusively for government-sponsored health care programs serving approximately 2.4 million Medicaid and Medicare members nationwide. 'Ohana has been able to take WellCare's national experience and that of our local team to develop an 'Ohana care model that addresses local members' health care, long-term care and care coordination needs.

We appreciate this opportunity to respectfully submit these comments on this measure. While we understand the intent behind this measure, we would like to point out that the Departments of Health, and Human Services, providers and consumers have been working together since the last legislative session, under the leadership of the Hawai'i Primary Care Association to develop the parameters of a State Plan Amendment for patient-centered medical homes (PCMH).

We would hope that this measure will not in any way conflict with the work that the State Plan Option Collaborative (SPOC) has already done, and instead work in tandem in defining the definitions, roles and compensation of PCMHs.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit these comments.