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Good afternoon Marie,

I was not able to attend the meeting on November 3, 2026 but would like to share some reasons our office would like to see the fees increased by a minimum of 5%.
Not only has minimum wage increased exponentially over the last two years, but offices are also having to incur many other fees that the State of Oregon may not be aware of.

Many vendors are now charging their clients a CAT - Tax fee of 1.5% so they can recoup what they are paying, physicians would never be allowed to do this.
Vendors are charging Fuel surcharges to cover fuel expense, again we cannot charge for this, but must pay our staff a livable wage which includes enough money to cover the exorbitant gas taxes that we are facing here in Oregon.
All items whether office or medical supplies have been increasing on a yearly bases.
Cost of living expenses are approximately 6% this year; last year we took a small cut in fees.
Work comp does require additional labor costs to fulfill the requirements of the State, and less providers are willing to take on these patients due to this factor leaving those whom are providing care with less income, but more work for staff or need for additional staffers.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing what the Board decides.

Sincerely,

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