In recognition of National Health Center Week, Congressman Blumenauer toured the Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) Family Health Center at Richmond in southeast Portland.

Touring with Medical Director Nicholas Gideonse

Recognized for its patient-focused medical home model, the clinic provides access to affordable primary care for patients in southeast Portland who are uninsured or who are low-income. Blumenauer also met with health care providers at the clinic and members of the Oregon Primary Care Association (OPCA) to discuss the implementation of health care reform and the ways reform can be protected and encouraged.

“We need to focus on value, not volume,” Blumenauer stated in the meeting. “Health care reform isn’t about short-changing anyone – this is about focusing on the patient and ensuring they receive appropriate care when it’s needed from the right medical providers.”