Senate Bill 143

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor’s brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Corrects syntax in statute.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to health insurance; amending ORS 743B.403.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 743B.403 is amended to read:

743B.403. (1) An insurer may not terminate or otherwise financially penalize a provider for:

((1)) (a) Providing information to or communicating with a patient in a manner that is not slanderous, defamatory or intentionally inaccurate concerning:

((a)) (A) Any aspect of the patient’s medical condition;

((b)) (B) Any proposed treatment or treatment alternatives, whether covered by the insurer’s health benefit plan or not; or

((c)) (C) The provider’s general financial arrangement with the insurer.

((2)) (a) Referring a patient to another provider, whether or not that provider is under contract with the insurer. If a provider refers a patient to another provider, the referring provider shall:

(A) Comply with the insurer’s written policies and procedures with respect to any such referrals; and

(B) Inform the patient that the referral services may not be covered by the insurer.

((b)) (2) Allocation of costs for referral services shall be a matter of contract between the provider and the insurer. Allocation of costs to the provider by contract shall not be considered a penalty under this section.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

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