
MEMORANDUM

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To: Human Services Subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means

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Subject: HB 4030-A Relating to medical assistance reimbursement of emergency medical services
Work Session Recommendation

HB 4030-A requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to develop and implement two programs to better reimburse providers of emergency medical services and transportation - a fee-for-service program and a coordinated care organization program. Providers who chose to participate would contribute funds that could then be leveraged with federal match, in order to provide the resources to increase rates up to cost.

In addition, the bill requires OHA to convene a workgroup to develop recommendations to align these two programs with the goals of the Oregon Integrated and Coordinated Health Care Delivery System, including metrics. The new programs are not operative until July 1, 2017, so any changes recommended by the workgroup could be incorporated into statute during the 2017 legislative session.

The measure previously had hearings in the House Committee on Health Care on 2/1/16, 2/8/16 and 2/10/16. The measure, the original staff measure summary, and fiscal impact statement are available on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS).

The fiscal impact of the bill is indeterminate. The agency has identified some specific costs for modification to its information technology system at about \$300,000 total funds. However, other costs are unknown until the details of the program are worked out and the number of participants is determined. The bill stipulates that General Fund moneys cannot be used for the new programs, and it is assumed that the revenues to run the programs will come from fees on providers who participate.

The measure is recommended to be moved to the Full Committee on Joint Ways and Means.

Motion: I move HB 4030-A to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means with a "do pass" recommendation.

Assignment of Carrier

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Senate: _____

House: _____