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.

Allows individuals and employers on behalf of employees to enroll in state medical assistance program upon payment of premiums prescribed by Oregon Health Authority by rule. Requires authority to maintain online application and prescribe enrollment procedures. Allows enrollees to choose to enroll in coordinated care organization or receive services paid on fee-for-service basis.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to medical assistance; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 414.706.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 414.

SECTION 2. (1) Residents of this state and employers on behalf of employees residing in this state may, upon application and payment of a premium as prescribed by the Oregon Health Authority by rule, enroll in medical assistance.

(2)(a) The premium for an individual or a family shall be based on the average per member per month rate paid by the authority to coordinated care organizations for individuals or families.

(b) The premium for an employer shall be based on the number of the employer’s resident employees enrolled in medical assistance multiplied by the average per member per month rate paid by the authority to coordinated care organizations.

(3) The authority shall maintain an online application form and prescribe the procedures for the enrollment of individuals and employers described in subsection (1) of this section.

(4) Notwithstanding ORS 414.631, an individual or employee applying for medical assistance under this section may choose to become a member of a coordinated care organization or may choose to receive health services paid for on a fee-for-service basis.

(5) Premiums collected under subsection (1) of this section shall be paid into a subaccount in the Oregon Health Authority Fund established in ORS 413.101 and may only be used to reimburse the cost of health services provided to enrollees under this section.

SECTION 3. ORS 414.706 is amended to read:

414.706. Within available funds and subject to the rules of the Oregon Health Authority, medical assistance shall be provided to an individual who is a resident of this state and who:

(1) Is receiving a category of aid;

(2) Would be eligible for a category of aid but is not receiving a category of aid;

(3) Is required by federal law to be included in the state’s medical assistance program in order for that program to qualify for federal funds; [and]

(4) Is not described in subsection (3) of this section but for whom state or federal funding is available [under Title XIX or XXI of the Social Security Act]; or

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted.
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(5) Is an individual or employee described in section 2 (1) of this 2019 Act.