

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bonamici, Bruun, Cannon, Flores, Gelser, Kotek, Maurer, Richardson, Greenlick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/2 (Access sub), 5/15 (Full)

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits insurer from refusing claim on basis that claim was submitted by physician assistant rather than by supervising physician. Repeals sunset provision.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Services that physician assistants perform
- Current reimbursement practices
- Sunset provision that is being repealed

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Physician assistants are licensed to provide medical services under the direction and supervision of a licensed physician in active practice and in good standing with the Board of Medical Examiners. Physician assistants treat patients in both urban and rural areas that are underserved. Physician assistants already have a mandated insurance reimbursement under Chapter 446 in 2003 Oregon Laws (SB 646, 2003) which is currently scheduled to sunset on October 4, 2009.