

House Bill 2406

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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**.

Creates Medically Involved Home-Care Program in Department of Human Services. Requires department to adopt criteria for program by rule. Requires Director of Human Services to seek necessary federal approval.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to home care for medically involved children; creating new provisions; amending ORS
3 414.737, 417.340 and 417.342; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 417.340 is amended to read:

6 417.340. As used in ORS 417.340 to 417.348 and 417.349:

7 (1) **“Child’s home” means the home in which a child resides with the child’s biological or**
8 **adoptive parents or legal guardian. It does not include foster care, proctor care, group home**
9 **placement or other institutional placement.**

10 [(1)] (2) “Family” means the unit that consists of:

11 (a) A member with a disability or chronic illness; and

12 (b) One or more related persons who reside in the same household.

13 [(2)] (3) “Family member with a disability or chronic illness” means a person who has a disa-
14 bility or chronic illness that:

15 (a) Is likely to continue indefinitely;

16 (b) Results in substantial functional limitations in one or more of the following areas of major
17 life activity:

18 (A) Self-care;

19 (B) Receptive and expressive language;

20 (C) Learning;

21 (D) Mobility;

22 (E) Self-direction;

23 (F) Capacity for independent living; or

24 (G) Economic self-sufficiency; and

25 (c) Reflects the person’s need for special, interdisciplinary or generic care, treatment or other
26 services that are of lifelong duration and must be individually planned and coordinated.

27 (4) **“Medically involved” means having a physical or developmental disability that requires**
28 **assistance with most activities of daily living and requires health and personal care**
29 **throughout the day and night.**

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.

1 **SECTION 2.** ORS 417.342 is amended to read:

2 417.342. (1) Family support services are based on the belief that all people, regardless of disa-
 3 bility, chronic illness or special need, have the right to a permanent and stable familial relationship
 4 in the community. **Children have a developmental need to grow up in a family home environ-**
 5 **ment.** However, nothing in ORS 417.340 to 417.348 or 417.349 is intended [*to keep a family member*
 6 *with a disability or chronic illness in the family home or*] to require any person with a disability or
 7 chronic illness to live in the family home.

8 (2) Family support services can provide the support necessary to enable the family to meet the
 9 needs of caring for a family member with a disability or chronic illness at home and, subject to
 10 available funds, shall be based on the following principles:

11 (a) Family support services may use private and volunteer resources, publicly funded services
 12 and other flexible dollars to provide a family with the services needed to care for the family member
 13 with a disability or chronic illness.

14 (b) Family support services must be sensitive to the unique needs, strengths and multicultural
 15 values of an individual and the family rather than fitting the individual and family into existing
 16 services.

17 (c) Family support services must be built on a relationship of respect and trust that recognizes
 18 that families are better able to determine their own needs than have their needs determined by the
 19 state or a public agency.

20 (d) Family support services shall be provided in a manner that develops comprehensive, respon-
 21 sive and flexible support to families in their role as primary caregivers for family members with
 22 disabilities or chronic illnesses.

23 (e) Family support services shall focus on the entire family and be responsive to the needs of
 24 the individual and the family.

25 (f) Family support services may be needed throughout the lifespan of the individual family
 26 member living at home who has a disability or chronic illness.

27 (g) Family support services shall be available to families before they are in crisis.

28 (h) Family support services may be a service option offered to families, but not imposed on them.

29 (i) Family support services shall encourage maximum use of existing social networks and natural
 30 sources of support and should encourage community integration.

31 (j) Family support services shall not be confined to a single program or set of services but shall
 32 be a philosophy that permeates all programs and services.

33 **SECTION 3. Sections 4 to 6 of this 2007 Act are added to and made a part of ORS 417.340**
 34 **to 417.348.**

35 **SECTION 4. The Medically Involved Home-Care Program is created in the Department**
 36 **of Human Services. The department shall provide all State Plan Medicaid and waived ser-**
 37 **vices available under state and federal law that are necessary to enable a medically involved**
 38 **child to be cared for in the child's home. The waived services that must be available in-**
 39 **clude but are not limited to home nursing care, durable medical equipment and respite care.**

40 **SECTION 5. (1) The Department of Human Services shall adopt by rule criteria for de-**
 41 **termining the need for and extent of assistance to be provided to a medically involved child**
 42 **enrolled in the Medically Involved Home-Care Program created by section 4 of this 2007 Act.**
 43 **The criteria shall include, but are not limited to, consideration of:**

44 (a) **The medical needs of the child;**

45 (b) **The needs of any other family member with a disability or chronic illness in the**

1 **child's home;**

2 (c) **Family and community support available to the child and family caregivers; and**

3 (d) **The assistance necessary for the family to care for the child in the child's home,**
 4 **disregarding parental or legal guardian income.**

5 (2) **Subject to limits on enrollment required by state or federal law, services offered**
 6 **through the Medically Involved Home-Care Program shall be made available to children**
 7 **meeting the criteria established by the department by rule. Priority for enrollment shall be**
 8 **given to:**

9 (a) **A child transferring to the child's home from nursing home placement, foster care**
 10 **placement or other out-of-home placement;**

11 (b) **A child living at home who is at risk of nursing home placement, foster care place-**
 12 **ment or other out-of-home placement;**

13 (c) **A child who does not otherwise qualify for medical assistance under ORS chapter 414**
 14 **and for whom the department pays family support payments pursuant to ORS 430.215 that**
 15 **exceed \$10,000 per year; and**

16 (d) **A child who is at risk of losing eligibility for medical assistance under ORS chapter**
 17 **414 due to a caregiver's employment or an increase in a caregiver's earnings.**

18 (3) **As used in sections 4 to 6 of this 2007 Act, "child" means a person under 18 years of**
 19 **age.**

20 **SECTION 6. (1) The Department of Human Services shall enroll no fewer than 125 med-**
 21 **ically involved children in the Medically Involved Home-Care Program by January 1, 2008.**
 22 **The department is authorized to enroll an additional 25 medically involved children each**
 23 **calendar year thereafter, to the maximum number allowed by federal law or under the terms**
 24 **of the federal approval.**

25 (2) **Moneys appropriated to the department for the Medically Involved Home-Care Pro-**
 26 **gram may not be used to supplant moneys appropriated to the department for the Children's**
 27 **Intensive In-Home Services program.**

28 **SECTION 7. Within 30 days after the effective date of this 2007 Act, the Director of Hu-**
 29 **man Services shall seek any form of federal approval from the Centers for Medicare and**
 30 **Medicaid Services that is necessary to implement the Medically Involved Home-Care Pro-**
 31 **gram. The director shall notify Legislative Counsel upon receipt or denial of necessary fed-**
 32 **eral approval.**

33 **SECTION 8. ORS 414.737 is amended to read:**

34 414.737. (1) **Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, a person who is eligible**
 35 **for or receiving physical health, dental, mental health or chemical dependency services under ORS**
 36 **414.705 to 414.750 must be enrolled in the prepaid managed care health services organizations to**
 37 **receive the health services for which the person is eligible.**

38 (2) **Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to:**

39 (a) **A person who is a noncitizen and who is eligible only for labor and delivery services and**
 40 **emergency treatment services;**

41 (b) **A person who is an American Indian and Alaskan Native beneficiary; and**

42 (c) **A person whom the department may by rule exempt from the mandatory enrollment re-**
 43 **quirement of subsection (1) of this section, including but not limited to:**

44 (A) **A person who is also eligible for Medicare;**

45 (B) **A woman in her third trimester of pregnancy at the time of enrollment;**

1 (C) A person under 19 years of age who has been placed in adoptive or foster care out of state;

2 (D) A person under 18 years of age who is medically fragile and who has special health care
3 needs;

4 **(E) A person receiving services under the Medically Involved Home-Care Program cre-**
5 **ated by section 4 of this 2007 Act; and**

6 [(E)] **(F)** A person with major medical coverage.

7 (3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to a person who resides in a designated area in
8 which a prepaid managed care health services organization providing physical health, dental, mental
9 health or chemical dependency services is not able to assign an enrollee to a person or entity that
10 is primarily responsible for coordinating the physical health, dental, mental health or chemical de-
11 pendency services provided to the enrollee.

12 (4) As used in this section, "American Indian and Alaskan Native beneficiary" means:

13 (a) A member of a federally recognized Indian tribe, band or group;

14 (b) An Eskimo or Aleut or other Alaskan Native enrolled by the United States Secretary of the
15 Interior pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 43 U.S.C. 1601; or

16 (c) A person who is considered by the United States Secretary of the Interior to be an Indian
17 for any purpose.

18 **SECTION 9. Sections 3 to 6 of this 2007 Act and the amendments to ORS 414.737, 417.340**
19 **and 417.342 by sections 1, 2 and 8 of this 2007 Act become operative upon receipt of the nec-**
20 **essary federal approval described in section 7 of this 2007 Act.**

21 **SECTION 10. This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
22 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect**
23 **on its passage.**