

# House Bill 3533

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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**.

Establishes Real Health Care for Kids Act.

Requires Director of Human Services and Legislative Fiscal Officer to evaluate cost and feasibility of offering primary care services to all children in state through school-based health centers, federally qualified health centers and safety net clinics and to report findings to Legislative Assembly.

Requires Department of Human Services to streamline application process for families with children applying for state medical assistance.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to health care for children; creating new provisions; amending ORS 414.047; and declaring  
3 an emergency.

4 Whereas all Oregon children must have access to essential health care and health care services,  
5 including inoculations, physical checkups, dental care, vision testing, nutritional counseling and  
6 treatment of acute conditions; and

7 Whereas Oregon's 44 school-based health centers have served over 20,000 children with nearly  
8 64,000 visits; and

9 Whereas 60 percent of the patients of school-based health centers were unlikely to receive care  
10 outside of the center; and

11 Whereas 68 percent of patients reported that their health was improved because of the school-  
12 based health center; and

13 Whereas the State of Oregon contributed \$1.25 million to school-based health centers, which  
14 supported the delivery of over \$2.4 million in health care services, including over \$945,000 in health  
15 care services to uninsured students; and

16 Whereas the Legislative Assembly declares that it is the policy of the state that all children  
17 have access to real health care; now, therefore,

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

19 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2007 Act shall be known and may be cited as the Real**  
20 **Health Care for Kids Act.**

21 **SECTION 2. (1) The Director of Human Services, in collaboration with the Legislative**  
22 **Fiscal Officer, shall:**

23 **(a) Evaluate the feasibility, in every geographic region of the state, of expanding the**  
24 **number and capacity of school-based health centers, federally qualified health centers and**  
25 **other safety net clinics to provide primary care services to all children within a school dis-**  
26 **trict or a center and clinic service area;**

27 **(b) Estimate the cost of the expansion described in this subsection; and**

28 **(c) Report the findings of the evaluation and the estimated cost to the Legislative As-**

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1 **sembly at the special session in 2008 of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly or the reg-**  
2 **ular session of the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly, whichever occurs first.**

3 **(2) As used in this section:**

4 **(a) “Children” means persons under 19 years of age.**

5 **(b) “Federally qualified health center” means:**

6 **(A) A health center funded under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C.**  
7 **254b;**

8 **(B) An entity that meets the definition of “health center” under section 330 of the Public**  
9 **Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 254b, but that does not receive grant funding under that Act;**  
10 **or**

11 **(C) An outpatient health program or facility operated by a tribal organization under the**  
12 **Indian Self-Determination Act, 25 U.S.C. 450 et seq., or an urban Indian organization under**  
13 **the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, 25 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.**

14 **(c) “Safety net clinic” means a medical clinic that provides health care services to per-**  
15 **sons experiencing financial, language or other barriers to accessing necessary health care**  
16 **services.**

17 **SECTION 3.** ORS 414.047 is amended to read:

18 414.047. (1) Application for any category of aid shall also constitute application for medical as-  
19 sistance.

20 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, each person requesting medical assistance shall  
21 make application therefor to the Department of Human Services. The department shall determine  
22 eligibility for and fix the date on which such assistance may begin, and shall obtain such other in-  
23 formation required by the rules of the department.

24 (3) If an applicant is unable to make application for medical assistance, an application may be  
25 made by someone acting responsibly for the applicant.

26 **(4) The department shall streamline the application process for families that include**  
27 **children under 19 years of age by:**

28 **(a) Eliminating administrative barriers to submitting an application;**

29 **(b) Reducing unnecessary paperwork;**

30 **(c) Providing outstationed application sites;**

31 **(d) Providing enrollment assistance as needed; and**

32 **(e) Taking other steps the department deems necessary to maximize enrollment in state**  
33 **medical assistance programs.**

34 **SECTION 4.** This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
35 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect**  
36 **on its passage.**

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