

Senate Bill 562

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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**.

Requires Department of Human Services to award grants for primary care home pilot projects. Establishes Primary Care Home Pilot Project Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys from fund to department for purpose of grants.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to primary care home pilot projects; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas the current health care system in the United States is unsustainable due to rising costs
4 and an increasing number of uninsured individuals; and

5 Whereas the number of visits to hospital emergency rooms continues to grow, and a significant
6 number of these visits are for nonurgent or preventable conditions; and

7 Whereas the health care system is fragmented, access to care is episodic and relationships be-
8 tween patients and providers are strained; and

9 Whereas current systems for financing primary care emphasize 10- to 15-minute office visits and
10 fail to support patient-centered care that could improve patients' health status and lower overall
11 costs to the broader health care system; now, therefore,

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

13 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Human Services shall award grants to entities de-**
14 **scribed in this subsection to conduct pilot projects for the purpose of testing primary care**
15 **home models tailored to individual and community needs, in no fewer than 10 and no more**
16 **than 15 communities in Oregon. Grants may be awarded to public or private entities with**
17 **expertise in health care delivery. A primary care provider with a demonstrated commitment**
18 **to serving both Medicaid populations and individuals without health insurance must have a**
19 **lead role in each primary care home pilot project.**

20 **(2) Each primary care home pilot project must:**

21 **(a) Link each patient to a personal health care provider who works with a team of health**
22 **professionals. The personal provider is the patient's first point of contact, identifies the pa-**
23 **tient's health needs and helps the patient access appropriate care.**

24 **(b) Offer timely and convenient access, either directly or by referral, to a full spectrum**
25 **of medical, mental health and dental primary care services, including preventive, acute, in-**
26 **tegrated behavioral health and chronic care management services.**

27 **(c) Require health professionals to work in partnership with patients to identify health**
28 **goals and to share responsibility for achieving the goals. Each personal provider must facil-**

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 itate a care plan that recognizes the broad social context in which the patient lives and that
2 addresses barriers to maintaining a healthy lifestyle, such as homelessness, behavioral
3 health issues and limited access to healthful foods. Personal providers must be trained to
4 serve patients in a culturally competent manner.

5 (d) Allow patients easily to navigate and access the broader health care system and social
6 or educational services, and must provide patients with transportation and other services
7 that improve access to care.

8 (3) The department shall award each grant under subsection (1) of this section based
9 upon the extent to which:

10 (a) The grant applicant currently utilizes a primary care home model with elements listed
11 in subsection (2) of this section and has the ability to expand the model to additional popu-
12 lations or service areas;

13 (b) The grant proposal includes implementation of new primary care home model ele-
14 ments in a community to meet the health needs of Medicaid populations and individuals
15 without health insurance;

16 (c) The grant proposal integrates health care services so that patient needs may be ad-
17 dressed in a single visit;

18 (d) The grant proposal emphasizes developing patient relationships and patient-centered
19 services;

20 (e) The grant proposal includes strategies for collaboration with the broader health care
21 system, including hospital emergency departments and specialty care providers;

22 (f) The grant applicant has demonstrated the ability to impact cost and health outcomes
23 positively in the short term, particularly for patients with chronic conditions, and to provide
24 preventive services for long term results;

25 (g) The grant proposal contains a strong evaluation component that accurately measures
26 the pilot project's impact on the cost and quality of and access to health care; and

27 (h) The grant proposal contains one or more of the following features:

28 (A) Strategies to divert patients from hospital emergency departments to primary care
29 homes.

30 (B) Access to health care during the evening and on weekends, in addition to normal
31 business hours.

32 (C) Effective chronic disease management models.

33 (D) Integration of dental care services into the primary care setting.

34 (E) Effective outreach programs to target hard-to-reach populations that experience
35 barriers to accessing health care.

36 (F) Incorporation of medical and social case management services.

37 (4) A grant under subsection (1) of this section shall be awarded for a period of not less
38 than two years and not more than seven years.

39 (5) The department may adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions of this sec-
40 tion.

41 **SECTION 2.** (1) The Primary Care Office or its successor in the Department of Human
42 Services shall appoint a five-member advisory group to evaluate grant proposals for primary
43 care home pilot projects described in section 1 of this 2007 Act. The advisory group shall in-
44 clude broad representation of the core health care safety net delivery systems and not more
45 than one state employee.

1 (2) The advisory group shall make recommendations to the office regarding grant pro-
2 posals to receive funding.

3 (3) The office shall determine the grant recipients.

4 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Human Services by rule shall adopt annual reporting
5 requirements for primary care home pilot projects awarded grants under section 1 of this
6 2007 Act that include the information necessary to evaluate the successes and areas for im-
7 provement in each project.

8 **SECTION 4.** (1) All grants under section 1 of this 2007 Act must be awarded by the De-
9 partment of Human Services no later than 180 days after adjournment sine die of the regular
10 session of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly.

11 (2) Each primary care home pilot project must commence within one year after
12 adjournment sine die of the regular session of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly.

13 **SECTION 5.** (1) There is established the Primary Care Home Pilot Project Fund, separate
14 and distinct from the General Fund.

15 (2) The moneys in the Primary Care Home Pilot Project Fund are continuously appro-
16 priated to the Department of Human Services for the purpose of awarding grants to primary
17 care home pilot projects under section 1 of this 2007 Act.

18 **SECTION 6.** This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
19 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect
20 on its passage.

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