

A-Engrossed Senate Bill 843

Ordered by the Senate April 30
Including Senate Amendments dated April 30

Sponsored by Senators COURTNEY, WINTERS; Senators FERRIOLI, L GEORGE, Representatives BERGER, CAMERON, CLEM, KOMP (at the request of Blue Ribbon Task Force on Methamphetamine)

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.

Requires Department of Human Services to provide medical assistance to parent **or legal guardian** in need of substance abuse treatment whose child has been removed from home by department. **Establishes Substance Abuse Treatment Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to department to carry out purposes of Act.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to medical assistance; and appropriating money.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2007 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 414.

SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Human Services shall provide payment for substance abuse treatment for a person who:

(a) Is the parent or legal guardian of a child who has been removed from the parent's or legal guardian's home and accepted for placement and care by the department as a result of a judicial determination that continued presence in the parent's or legal guardian's home is contrary to the best interests of the child;

(b) Has a current case plan for reunification that requires the person to receive substance abuse treatment; and

(c) Is not otherwise eligible for health insurance or a medical assistance program that will provide payment for the required treatment.

(2) If the person fails to comply with the requirements of the reunification case plan, the person is ineligible for payment of substance abuse treatment under this section.

(3) The department shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

SECTION 3. The Substance Abuse Treatment Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Substance Abuse Treatment Fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Human Services to carry out the purposes of section 2 of this 2007 Act.

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.