

House Bill 2117

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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 Healthy Kids Plan, which includes private health option to provide affordable, accessible health care to children. Imposes duties on Department of Human Services and Office of Private Health Partnerships to carry out plan.

Requires prepaid managed care health services organization to reimburse community health center or safety net clinic for services provided by center or clinic to enrollee of organization.

Establishes Private Health Option Program Account. Continuously appropriates moneys in account to Office of Private Health Partnerships for purposes of administering private health option.

Establishes Healthy Kids Plan Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to Department of Human Services for purposes of Healthy Kids Plan.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to health; creating new provisions; amending ORS 414.025, 414.725, 414.839, 735.701 and
3 735.710; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2009 Act are added to and made a part of ORS**
6 **chapter 414.**

7 **SECTION 2. (1) The Healthy Kids Plan is created to provide affordable, accessible health**
8 **care for Oregon's children. The plan is composed of:**

9 (a) **Medical assistance administered by the Department of Human Services under the**
10 **state programs funded by Title XIX of the Social Security Act, under the State Children's**
11 **Health Insurance Program funded by Title XXI of the Social Security Act and under state**
12 **programs funded by the Legislative Assembly; and**

13 (b) **A private health option administered by the Office of Private Health Partnerships**
14 **under sections 9, 10, 11 and 12 of this 2009 Act.**

15 (2) **A child or a person authorized to act on behalf of a child may apply to the department**
16 **for a determination of the child's eligibility for the Healthy Kids Plan.**

17 (3) **When an application is received by the department under subsection (2) of this sec-**
18 **tion, the department shall determine whether the child is eligible for medical assistance. If**
19 **an eligible child's family income is at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines,**
20 **the department shall enroll the child in the appropriate medical assistance program referred**
21 **to in subsection (1)(a) of this section.**

22 (4) **If the department determines that a child for whom application has been made under**
23 **subsection (2) of this section is not eligible for medical assistance but is eligible for enroll-**
24 **ment in the private health option described in section 10 of this 2009 Act, the department**
25 **shall transfer the application to the office to complete the enrollment process.**

26 (5) **The department shall adopt rules for annually renewing enrollment in the Healthy**

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 **Kids Plan.**

2 (6) **The department and the office shall streamline and simplify the application process**
3 **for the Healthy Kids Plan, by means including the development and implementation of an**
4 **online application process for the plan.**

5 **SECTION 3.** (1) **A child is eligible for enrollment in the Healthy Kids Plan only if the in-**
6 **come of the child’s family is at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.**

7 (2)(a) **The Department of Human Services may by rule require a period of uninsurance**
8 **prior to enrollment.**

9 (b) **The department may adopt rules specifying exceptions to any period of uninsurance**
10 **required pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

11 (c) **As used in this subsection, “period of uninsurance” means a time during which a**
12 **person is not enrolled in an unsubsidized or privately funded health benefit plan.**

13 (3) **The department may not impose an asset requirement for enrollment in the Healthy**
14 **Kids Plan.**

15 **SECTION 4.** Section 3 of this 2009 Act is amended to read:

16 **Sec. 3.** (1) **A child is eligible for enrollment in the Healthy Kids Plan only if the income of the**
17 **child’s family is at or below [200] 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.**

18 (2)(a) **The Department of Human Services may by rule require a period of uninsurance prior to**
19 **enrollment.**

20 (b) **The department may adopt rules specifying exceptions to any period of uninsurance required**
21 **pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

22 (c) **As used in this subsection, “period of uninsurance” means a time during which a person is**
23 **not enrolled in an unsubsidized or privately funded health benefit plan.**

24 (3) **Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, a child whose family’s income is above**
25 **300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines shall be offered the opportunity to purchase a**
26 **private insurance product offered through the Health Kids Plan.**

27 [(3)] (4) **The department may not impose an asset requirement for enrollment in the Healthy**
28 **Kids Plan.**

29 **SECTION 5.** ORS 414.025, as amended by section 18a, chapter 861, Oregon Laws 2007, is
30 amended to read:

31 414.025. **As used in this chapter, unless the context or a specially applicable statutory definition**
32 **requires otherwise:**

33 (1) **“Category of aid” means assistance provided by the Oregon Supplemental Income Program,**
34 **aid granted under ORS 412.001 to 412.069 and 418.647 or federal Supplemental Security Income**
35 **payments.**

36 (2) **“Categorically needy” means, insofar as funds are available for the category, a person who**
37 **is a resident of this state and who:**

38 (a) **Is receiving a category of aid.**

39 (b) **Would be eligible for, but is not receiving a category of aid.**

40 (c) **Is in a medical facility and, if the person left such facility, would be eligible for a category**
41 **of aid.**

42 (d) **Is under the age of 21 years and would be a dependent child as defined in ORS 412.001 except**
43 **for age and regular attendance in school or in a course of professional or technical training.**

44 (e)(A) **Is a caretaker relative, as defined in ORS 412.001, who cares for a child who would be a**
45 **dependent child except for age and regular attendance in school or in a course of professional or**

1 technical training; or

2 (B) Is the spouse of the caretaker relative.

3 (f) Is under the age of 21 years, is in a foster family home or licensed child-caring agency or
4 institution under a purchase of care agreement and is one for whom a public agency of this state
5 is assuming financial responsibility, in whole or in part.

6 (g) Is a spouse of an individual receiving a category of aid and who is living with the recipient
7 of a category of aid, whose needs and income are taken into account in determining the cash needs
8 of the recipient of a category of aid, and who is determined by the Department of Human Services
9 to be essential to the well-being of the recipient of a category of aid.

10 (h) Is a caretaker relative as defined in ORS 412.001 who cares for a dependent child receiving
11 aid granted under ORS 412.001 to 412.069 and 418.647 or is the spouse of the caretaker relative.

12 (i) Is under the age of 21 years, is in a youth care center and is one for whom a public agency
13 of this state is assuming financial responsibility, in whole or in part.

14 (j) Is under the age of 21 years and is in an intermediate care facility which includes institutions
15 for persons with mental retardation; or is under the age of 22 years and is in a psychiatric hospital.

16 (k) Is under the age of 21 years and is in an independent living situation with all or part of the
17 maintenance cost paid by the Department of Human Services.

18 (L) Is a member of a family that received aid in the preceding month under ORS 412.006 or
19 412.014 and became ineligible for aid due to increased hours of or increased income from employ-
20 ment. As long as the member of the family is employed, such families will continue to be eligible for
21 medical assistance for a period of at least six calendar months beginning with the month in which
22 such family became ineligible for assistance due to increased hours of employment or increased
23 earnings.

24 (m) Is an adopted person under 21 years of age for whom a public agency is assuming financial
25 responsibility in whole or in part.

26 (n) Is an individual or is a member of a group who is required by federal law to be included in
27 the state's medical assistance program in order for that program to qualify for federal funds.

28 (o) Is an individual or member of a group who, subject to the rules of the department and within
29 available funds, may optionally be included in the state's medical assistance program under federal
30 law and regulations concerning the availability of federal funds for the expenses of that individual
31 or group.

32 (p) Is a pregnant woman who would be eligible for aid granted under ORS 412.001 to 412.069 and
33 418.647, whether or not the woman is eligible for cash assistance.

34 (q) Except as otherwise provided in this section and to the extent of available funds, is a preg-
35 nant woman or child for whom federal financial participation is available under Title XIX of the
36 federal Social Security Act.

37 (r) Is not otherwise categorically needy and is not eligible for care under Title XVIII of the
38 federal Social Security Act or is not a full-time student in a post-secondary education program as
39 defined by the Department of Human Services by rule, but whose family income is less than the
40 federal poverty level and whose family investments and savings equal less than the investments and
41 savings limit established by the department by rule.

42 (s) Would be eligible for a category of aid but for the receipt of qualified long term care insur-
43 ance benefits under a policy or certificate issued on or after January 1, 2010. As used in this para-
44 graph, "qualified long term care insurance" means a policy or certificate of insurance as defined in
45 ORS 743.652 (6).

1 **(3) “Child” means a person under 19 years of age.**

2 **(4) “Health benefit plan” has the meaning given that term in ORS 735.720.**

3 [(3)] **(5) “Income” has the meaning given that term in ORS 411.704.**

4 [(4)] **(6) “Investments and savings” means cash, securities as defined in ORS 59.015, negotiable**
 5 **instruments as defined in ORS 73.0104 and such similar investments or savings as the Department**
 6 **of Human Services may establish by rule that are available to the applicant or recipient to con-**
 7 **tribute toward meeting the needs of the applicant or recipient.**

8 [(5)] **(7) “Medical assistance” means so much of the following medical and remedial care and**
 9 **services as may be prescribed by the Department of Human Services according to the standards**
 10 **established pursuant to ORS 414.065, including payments made for services provided under an in-**
 11 **surance or other contractual arrangement and money paid directly to the recipient for the purchase**
 12 **of medical care:**

13 (a) Inpatient hospital services, other than services in an institution for mental diseases;

14 (b) Outpatient hospital services;

15 (c) Other laboratory and X-ray services;

16 (d) Skilled nursing facility services, other than services in an institution for mental diseases;

17 (e) Physicians’ services, whether furnished in the office, the patient’s home, a hospital, a skilled
 18 nursing facility or elsewhere;

19 (f) Medical care, or any other type of remedial care recognized under state law, furnished by
 20 licensed practitioners within the scope of their practice as defined by state law;

21 (g) Home health care services;

22 (h) Private duty nursing services;

23 (i) Clinic services;

24 (j) Dental services;

25 (k) Physical therapy and related services;

26 (L) Prescribed drugs, including those dispensed and administered as provided under ORS chapter
 27 689;

28 (m) Dentures and prosthetic devices; and eyeglasses prescribed by a physician skilled in diseases
 29 of the eye or by an optometrist, whichever the individual may select;

30 (n) Other diagnostic, screening, preventive and rehabilitative services;

31 (o) Inpatient hospital services, skilled nursing facility services and intermediate care facility
 32 services for individuals 65 years of age or over in an institution for mental diseases;

33 (p) Any other medical care, and any other type of remedial care recognized under state law;

34 (q) Periodic screening and diagnosis of individuals under the age of 21 years to ascertain their
 35 physical or mental impairments, and such health care, treatment and other measures to correct or
 36 ameliorate impairments and chronic conditions discovered thereby;

37 (r) Inpatient hospital services for individuals under 22 years of age in an institution for mental
 38 diseases; and

39 (s) Hospice services.

40 [(6)] **(8) “Medical assistance” includes any care or services for any individual who is a patient**
 41 **in a medical institution or any care or services for any individual who has attained 65 years of age**
 42 **or is under 22 years of age, and who is a patient in a private or public institution for mental dis-**
 43 **eases. “Medical assistance” includes “health services” as defined in ORS 414.705. “Medical assist-**
 44 **ance” does not include care or services for an inmate in a nonmedical public institution.**

45 [(7)] **(9) “Medically needy” means a person who is a resident of this state and who is considered**

1 eligible under federal law for medically needy assistance.

2 [(8)] (10) "Resources" has the meaning given that term in ORS 411.704. For eligibility purposes,
3 "resources" does not include charitable contributions raised by a community to assist with medical
4 expenses.

5 **SECTION 6.** ORS 414.725 is amended to read:

6 414.725. (1)(a) Pursuant to rules adopted by the Department of Human Services, the department
7 shall execute prepaid managed care health services contracts for health services funded by the
8 Legislative Assembly. The contract must require that all services are provided to the extent and
9 scope of the Health Services Commission's report for each service provided under the contract. The
10 contracts are not subject to ORS chapters 279A and 279B, except ORS 279A.250 to 279A.290 and
11 279B.235. Notwithstanding ORS 414.720 (8), the rules adopted by the department shall establish
12 timelines for executing the contracts described in this paragraph.

13 (b) It is the intent of ORS 414.705 to 414.750 that the state use, to the greatest extent possible,
14 prepaid managed care health services organizations to provide physical health, dental, mental health
15 and chemical dependency services under ORS 414.705 to 414.750.

16 (c) The department shall solicit qualified providers or plans to be reimbursed for providing the
17 covered services. The contracts may be with hospitals and medical organizations, health mainte-
18 nance organizations, managed health care plans and any other qualified public or private prepaid
19 managed care health services organization. The department may not discriminate against any con-
20 tractors that offer services within their providers' lawful scopes of practice.

21 (d) The department shall establish annual financial reporting requirements for prepaid managed
22 care health services organizations. The department shall prescribe a reporting procedure that elicits
23 sufficiently detailed information for the department to assess the financial condition of each prepaid
24 managed care health services organization and that includes information on the three highest
25 executive salary and benefit packages of each prepaid managed care health services organization.

26 (e) The department shall require compliance with the provisions of paragraph (d) of this sub-
27 section as a condition of entering into a contract with a prepaid managed care health services or-
28 ganization.

29 (2) The department may institute a fee-for-service case management system or a fee-for-service
30 payment system for the same physical health, dental, mental health or chemical dependency services
31 provided under the health services contracts for persons eligible for health services under ORS
32 414.705 to 414.750 in designated areas of the state in which a prepaid managed care health services
33 organization is not able to assign an enrollee to a person or entity that is primarily responsible for
34 coordinating the physical health, dental, mental health or chemical dependency services provided to
35 the enrollee. In addition, the department may make other special arrangements as necessary to in-
36 crease the interest of providers in participation in the state's managed care system, including but
37 not limited to the provision of stop-loss insurance for providers wishing to limit the amount of risk
38 they wish to underwrite.

39 (3) As provided in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the aggregate expenditures by the de-
40 partment for health services provided pursuant to ORS 414.705 to 414.750 may not exceed the total
41 dollars appropriated for health services under ORS 414.705 to 414.750.

42 (4) Actions taken by providers, potential providers, contractors and bidders in specific accord-
43 ance with ORS 414.705 to 414.750 in forming consortiums or in otherwise entering into contracts to
44 provide health care services shall be performed pursuant to state supervision and shall be consid-
45 ered to be conducted at the direction of this state, shall be considered to be lawful trade practices

1 and may not be considered to be the transaction of insurance for purposes of the Insurance Code.

2 (5) Health care providers contracting to provide services under ORS 414.705 to 414.750 shall
 3 advise a patient of any service, treatment or test that is medically necessary but not covered under
 4 the contract if an ordinarily careful practitioner in the same or similar community would do so un-
 5 der the same or similar circumstances.

6 (6) A prepaid managed care health services organization shall provide information on contacting
 7 available providers to an enrollee in writing within 30 days of assignment to the health services
 8 organization.

9 (7) Each prepaid managed care health services organization shall provide upon the request of
 10 an enrollee or prospective enrollee annual summaries of the organization’s aggregate data regarding:

11 (a) Grievances and appeals; and

12 (b) Availability and accessibility of services provided to enrollees.

13 (8) A prepaid managed care health services organization may not limit enrollment in a desig-
 14 nated area based on the zip code of an enrollee or prospective enrollee.

15 **(9)(a) A prepaid managed care health services organization shall reimburse a qualified**
 16 **community health center or safety net clinic for covered services provided by the center or**
 17 **clinic to an enrollee of the organization participating in the Healthy Kids Plan established**
 18 **under section 2 of this 2009 Act. The department by rule shall adopt standards for qualifying**
 19 **community health centers and safety net clinics to receive reimbursement under this sub-**
 20 **section.**

21 **(b) As used in this subsection, “community health center or safety net clinic” means a**
 22 **nonprofit medical clinic or school-based health center that provides primary physical health,**
 23 **vision, dental or mental health services to low-income patients without charge or using a**
 24 **sliding fee scale based on the income of the patient.**

25 **SECTION 7.** ORS 414.839 is amended to read:

26 414.839. (1) Subject to funds available, the Department of Human Services may provide public
 27 subsidies for the purchase of health insurance coverage provided by public programs or private in-
 28 surance, including but not limited to the Family Health Insurance Assistance Program, for currently
 29 uninsured individuals [*based on incomes up to 200*] **whose incomes are at or below 200** percent of
 30 the federal poverty [*level*] **guidelines and currently uninsured children whose family incomes**
 31 **are at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.** The objective is to create a
 32 transition from dependence on public programs to privately financed health insurance.

33 (2) Public subsidies shall apply only to health benefit plans that meet or exceed the basic
 34 benchmark health benefit plan or plans established under ORS 735.733.

35 (3) Cost sharing shall be permitted and structured in such a manner to encourage appropriate
 36 use of preventive care and avoidance of unnecessary services.

37 (4) Cost sharing shall be based on an individual’s ability to pay and may not exceed the cost
 38 of purchasing a plan.

39 (5) The state may pay a portion of the cost of the subsidy, based on the individual’s income and
 40 other resources.

41 **SECTION 8.** (1) **The Department of Human Services is responsible for statewide outreach**
 42 **and marketing related to the Healthy Kids Plan established under section 2 of this 2009 Act**
 43 **in coordination with the Office of Private Health Partnerships.**

44 (2) **In addition to the duties described in subsection (1) of this section, to maximize the**
 45 **enrollment and retention of eligible children in the Healthy Kids Plan, the department shall**

1 develop and administer a grant program to provide funding to organizations and local groups
2 for outreach and enrollment activities.

3 (3) The department shall develop and administer an application assistance program to pay
4 fees to entities that assist individuals with the application process, resulting in successful
5 eligibility and enrollment outcomes, as determined by the department.

6 (4) The criteria to award grants and pay fees under subsections (2) and (3) of this section
7 shall include, but are not limited to, the extent to which a grantee or entity:

8 (a) Provides information and assistance within diverse geographic areas or to culturally
9 diverse communities in this state, including communities that need the information and as-
10 sistance provided in alternative formats and languages other than English;

11 (b) Provides assistance with the application process;

12 (c) Provides assistance to individuals and families in enrolling and maintaining enroll-
13 ment in the Healthy Kids Plan; and

14 (d) Is successful in enrolling children in the Healthy Kids Plan.

15 **SECTION 9.** As used in sections 10, 11 and 12 of this 2009 Act:

16 (1) "Carrier" has the meaning given that term in ORS 735.700.

17 (2) "Child" means a person under 19 years of age.

18 (3) "Health benefit plan" has the meaning given that term in ORS 735.720.

19 **SECTION 10.** (1) The Office of Private Health Partnerships shall administer a private
20 health option to expand private health care coverage for Oregon's children.

21 (2) The office shall contract with carriers to provide health benefit plans approved under
22 section 11 of this 2009 Act. The office shall manage the collection and the payment of pre-
23 miums for children participating in the plans.

24 (3) A child whose family income is more than 200 percent but not more than 300 percent
25 of the federal poverty guidelines qualifies for a subsidy to enable the child to enroll in:

26 (a) A health benefit plan offered through the private health option under subsection (2)
27 of this section; or

28 (b) An employer-sponsored health benefit plan that is available to the child and that
29 meets or exceeds the requirements for a basic benchmark health benefit plan under ORS
30 735.733.

31 (4) The office shall adopt rules for determining the subsidies to be paid under this section
32 based upon the following factors:

33 (a) The income of the child's family;

34 (b) Family size; and

35 (c) Other factors established by the office.

36 (5) The office shall adopt rules under which families whose incomes are more than 300
37 percent of the federal poverty guidelines may purchase for their children health benefit plans
38 offered through the private health option.

39 **SECTION 11.** (1) The Office of Private Health Partnerships must approve health benefit
40 plans before they may be offered through the private health option described in section 10
41 (3)(a) of this 2009 Act. To be approved, health benefit plans must offer benefit packages
42 comparable to those provided under section 2 (1)(a) of this 2009 Act and must cover mental
43 health, vision and dental services.

44 (2) Approved health benefit plans may impose copayments or co-insurance amounts that
45 are based upon a family's ability to pay as determined according to criteria adopted by the

1 office by rule.

2 (3) Approved health benefit plans may not exclude coverage of pre-existing conditions.

3 **SECTION 12.** Notwithstanding eligibility criteria and subsidy amounts determined pur-
4 suant to section 10 of this 2009 Act, the Office of Private Health Partnerships shall provide
5 subsidies under the private health option to eligible children to the extent the Legislative
6 Assembly appropriates funds for that purpose or establishes expenditure limitations to pro-
7 vide such subsidies.

8 **SECTION 13.** The Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research shall analyze and evalu-
9 ate the implementation of the Healthy Kids Plan established under section 2 of this 2009 Act
10 and report its findings to the Legislative Assembly every two years in the manner provided
11 by ORS 192.245. The report must include at least the following information for the preceding
12 two-year period:

13 (1) An estimate of the number of children who are eligible for but not enrolled in the
14 plan;

15 (2) The number of children enrolled in the plan;

16 (3) The number of children disenrolled from the plan and the reasons for disenrollment;

17 (4) A description of any identified barriers to enrolling or maintaining enrollment of
18 children in the plan and a description of the strategies developed by the office and the De-
19 partment of Human Services to overcome the barriers;

20 (5) An estimate of the number of families who have voluntarily discontinued employer-
21 sponsored dependent health coverage and enrolled their children in the plan; and

22 (6) The results of a survey conducted by or contracted for by the office that assesses the
23 accessibility of health care for individuals under 19 years of age, the experience of such in-
24 dividuals with their health care and the health status of such individuals.

25 **SECTION 14.** There is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the
26 General Fund, the Private Health Option Program Account, which consists of moneys ap-
27 propriated to the account by the Legislative Assembly and all moneys transferred as re-
28 imbursements to the account by the Department of Human Services under section 17 of this
29 2009 Act. Interest earned by the Private Health Option Program Account shall be credited
30 to the account. All moneys in the Private Health Option Program Account are continuously
31 appropriated to the Office of Private Health Partnerships to carry out the provisions of
32 sections 10, 11 and 12 of this 2009 Act.

33 **SECTION 15.** (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section and ORS 735.710, the Office
34 of Private Health Partnerships and the Department of Human Services may not disclose in-
35 formation provided as part of an application for enrollment in the Healthy Kids Plan estab-
36 lished under section 2 of this 2009 Act except for purposes directly connected with the
37 administration of the plan.

38 (2) The office and the department may exchange applicant information with other state
39 and federal agencies for the purposes of determining eligibility for and administering the
40 Healthy Kids Plan, identifying economic trends relevant to administration of the plan and
41 providing the report required by section 13 of this 2009 Act.

42 (3) In accordance with applicable state and federal law, the office or the department may
43 request that applicants provide their Social Security numbers and may use those numbers
44 in the administration of the Healthy Kids Plan.

45 **SECTION 16.** (1) The Department of Human Services shall apply to the Centers for

1 Medicare and Medicaid Services for any approval necessary to obtain federal financial par-
 2 ticipation for implementing sections 2, 3, 10 and 11 of this 2009 Act, the amendments to
 3 section 3 of this 2009 Act by section 4 of this 2009 Act and the amendments to ORS 414.725
 4 and 414.839 by sections 6 and 7 of this 2009 Act.

5 (2) The department shall adopt rules implementing sections 2 and 3 of this 2009 Act as
 6 soon as practicable after receipt of the necessary federal approval. The Office of Private
 7 Health Partnerships shall adopt rules implementing sections 9, 10, 11 and 12 of this 2009 Act
 8 as soon as practicable after receipt of the necessary federal approval.

9 **SECTION 17.** (1) The Healthy Kids Plan Fund is established in the State Treasury, sepa-
 10 rate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Healthy Kids Plan Fund
 11 shall be credited to the fund.

12 (2) Moneys in the Healthy Kids Plan Fund are continuously appropriated to the Depart-
 13 ment of Human Services for purposes of the Healthy Kids Plan established under section 2
 14 of this 2009 Act.

15 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, if and to the extent that the Legislative
 16 Assembly determines that the Healthy Kids Plan is fully funded, moneys in the Healthy Kids
 17 Plan Fund established by this section may be used, in amounts determined by the Legislative
 18 Assembly, to fund other health services provided by the department with funds from Titles
 19 XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act.

20 (4) The department shall develop a system for reimbursement by the department to the
 21 Office of Private Health Partnerships for costs associated with administering the private
 22 health option of the Healthy Kids Plan.

23 **SECTION 18.** ORS 735.701 is amended to read:

24 735.701. (1) The Office of Private Health Partnerships is established.

25 (2) The office shall carry out the duties described under ORS 414.831, 735.700 to 735.714 and
 26 735.720 to 735.740 and sections 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 15 of this 2009 Act.

27 **SECTION 19.** ORS 735.710 is amended to read:

28 735.710. (1) In carrying out its duties under ORS 735.700 to 735.714 and 735.720 to 735.740 and
 29 sections 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 15 of this 2009 Act, the Office of Private Health Partnerships
 30 shall:

31 (a) Enter into contracts for administration of ORS 735.700 to 735.714 and 735.720 to 735.740 and
 32 sections 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 15 of this 2009 Act, including collection of premiums and paying
 33 carriers.

34 (b) Retain consultants and employ staff.

35 (c) Enter into contracts with carriers or health care providers for health benefit plans, including
 36 contracts where final payment may be reduced if usage is below a level fixed in the contract.

37 (d) Set premium rates for eligible employees and small employers.

38 (e) Perform other duties to provide low-cost health benefit plans of types likely to be purchased
 39 by small employers.

40 (f) Establish contributions to be paid by small employers toward the premiums incurred on be-
 41 half of covered eligible employees.

42 (g) Establish procedures by rule for the publication or release of aggregate data relating to:

43 (A) Applicants for enrollment and persons enrolled in the Family Health Insurance Assistance
 44 Program;

45 (B) Health benefit plans for small employers offered by the office; and

1 (C) Other programs operated by the office.

2 (2) Notwithstanding any other health benefit plan contracted for and offered by the office, the
 3 office shall contract for a health benefit plan or plans best designed to meet the needs and provide
 4 for the welfare of eligible employees and small employers.

5 (3) The office may approve more than one carrier for each type of plan contracted for and of-
 6 fered, but the number of carriers shall be held to a number consistent with adequate service to eli-
 7 gible employees and family members.

8 (4) Where appropriate for a contracted and offered health benefit plan, the office shall provide
 9 options under which an eligible employee may arrange coverage for family members of the employee.

10 (5) In developing any health benefit plan, the office may provide an option of additional coverage
 11 for eligible employees and family members at an additional cost or premium.

12 (6) Transfer of enrollment from one health benefit plan to another shall be open to all eligible
 13 employees and family members under rules adopted by the office.

14 (7) If the office requests less health care service or benefit than is otherwise required by state
 15 law, a carrier is not required to offer such service or benefit.

16 (8) Health benefit plans for small employers contracted for and offered by the office must pro-
 17 vide a sufficient level of benefits to be eligible for a subsidy under ORS 735.724.

18 (9) The office may employ whatever means are reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes
 19 of ORS 735.700 to 735.714 and 735.720 to 735.740 **and sections 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 15 of this**
 20 **2009 Act.** Such authority includes but is not limited to authority to seek clarification, amendment,
 21 modification, suspension or termination of any agreement or contract that in the office's judgment
 22 requires such action.

23 **SECTION 20. Sections 1, 8, 13 and 15 of this 2009 Act become operative on July 1, 2009.**

24 **SECTION 21. Sections 2, 3, 9, 11 and 12 of this 2009 Act and the amendments to ORS**
 25 **414.025, 414.725, 735.701 and 735.710 by sections 5, 6, 18 and 19 of this 2009 Act become oper-**
 26 **ative on the later of October 1, 2009, or the date the Department of Human Services receives**
 27 **any federal approval required to secure federal financial participation under section 16 of this**
 28 **2009 Act.**

29 **SECTION 22. Section 10 of this 2009 Act, the amendments to section 3 of this 2009 Act**
 30 **by section 4 of this 2009 Act and the amendments to ORS 414.839 by section 7 of this 2009**
 31 **Act become operative on the later of January 1, 2010, or the date the Department of Human**
 32 **Services receives any federal approval required to secure federal financial participation under**
 33 **section 16 of this 2009 Act.**

34 **SECTION 23. The Department of Human Services shall notify the Legislative Council**
 35 **upon receipt of approval or denial of any federal authorization necessary to implement the**
 36 **Healthy Kids Plan established under section 2 of this 2009 Act with federal financial partic-**
 37 **ipation.**

38 **SECTION 24. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
 39 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect**
 40 **on its passage.**