FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Authorizes the Oregon Health Authority to approve transfer of 500 or more enrollees from one prepaid managed care health services organization to another if receiving organization accepts transferring organization's network of providers or allows enrollees to remain enrolled in transferring organization.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Expenditure Impact:

See Analysis

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

This bill requires prepaid managed care health services organizations (MCOs) that contract with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to maintain a network of providers sufficient in numbers and areas of practice and geographically distributed in a manner to ensure that the health services provided under the contract are reasonably accessible to enrollees. The bill allows OHA to apply this accessibility requirement to approve transfer of any number of enrollees from one prepaid MCO to another if the receiving organization accepts transferring the organization's network of providers, or if enrollees are offered the choice of remaining enrolled in the transferring organization. The bill contains an emergency clause and is effective on passage.

The proposed legislation has been determined to have <u>MINIMAL EXPENDITURE IMPACT</u> on the Oregon Health Authority. Under existing law, OHA's Division of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP) has the authority to transfer a large group of enrollees (500 or more) from one managed care to another. This bill allows OHA to use the same accessibility criteria to approve transfer of fewer than 500 enrollees. If this bill passes, DMAP will use existing staff and resources to make changes to contracts and administrative rules, as well as to obtain Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval.

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