

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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Action: Do Pass

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Cannon, Doherty, Hoyle, Kennemer, Parrish, Weidner, Greenlick, Thompson

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/27, 5/2

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Eliminates investment and savings limits from definition of “eligible individual” in Family Health Insurance Assistance Program (FHIAP). Removes definition of “family” and allows Office of Private Health Partnerships (OPHP) to adopt definition by rule. Authorizes OPHP to adopt dental only plans. Authorizes OPHP to adopt rules and criteria for recovery of subsidy overpayment. Removes requirement that OPHP provide health benefit plans for small employers. Authorizes OPHP to contract for or certify both individual and group health benefit plans. Adjusts scope of authority of OPHP to include functions performed for FHIAP. Authorizes Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to set, by rule, date on which local health authorities submit annual plan. Authorizes OHA to set, by rule, requirements by which emergency medical technician can conduct educational training on treatment for allergic responses. Decreases minimum age requirement to receive training for allergic reaction response from 21 to 18 years of age. Clarifies and expands definition of “caregiver registry,” and deletes definition of “referral agency” relating to home health agencies. Expands membership of Oregon Medical Insurance Pool (OMIP) Board from nine to 10. Expands contracting authority of OMIP Board. Adds eligibility for OMIP to individuals who are eligible for Medicare, but not yet eligible to enroll in Medicare Parts B and D. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Technical modifications relating to Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Modifications to definition of family
- Administration of FHIAP
- OMIP board membership
- Training protocol for allergic reaction treatment

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Office of Private Health Partnerships administers programs designed to increase the number of insured Oregonians, including the Family Health Insurance Assistance Program (FHIAP) and Oregon Medical Insurance Pool (OMIP). FHIAP assists families by paying 50 to 95 percent of the monthly premiums for private health insurance plans for those who are uninsured and meet the FHIAP income and other guidelines. OMIP is the high-risk health insurance pool for the state, which covers adults and children who are unable to obtain medical insurance due to health conditions.

A 1981 law authorized certain individuals to administer lifesaving treatment to people suffering severe insect sting reactions in the absence of a physician. In 1989, the legislature expanded the statute to allow for the same assistance to people having a severe allergic response to other allergens. People who complete the prescribed training can receive a physician-authorized certificate, which can be used as a prescription to obtain an emergency supply of epinephrine.