

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed  
**Vote:** 6 - 1 - 1  
**Yeas:** Cannon, Doherty, Hoyle, Parrish, Greenlick, Thompson  
**Nays:** Weidner  
**Exc.:** Kennemer  
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**Meeting Dates:** 5/18, 5/27

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Creates 4-year pilot Central Oregon Health Council (COHC) consisting of Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson Counties. Specifies 11 members, term of office and duties of COHC Defines regional health improvement plan. Directs COHC to conduct regional health assessment and specifies activities, services and responsibilities to be included in plan. Sunsets January 2, 2016. Requires Oregon Health Authority to prescribe, by rule, uniform payment methodology for hospitals and ambulatory surgical center services that incorporate specified methodologies. Specifies January 1, 2012 effective date for hospital reimbursement claims. Allows disclosure of identity of person between health care providers and prepaid managed care health services organizations that are paid by state health plan to provide care to person.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Purpose of Senate Bill 204-A5 amendment
- Background on Central Oregon Health Council Pilot
- Preliminary results from patient-centered medical home model
- Potential savings through care coordination
- Purpose of Senate Bill 204-A4 amendment
- All Diagnosis Related Groups hospitals and ambulatory surgical center required to follow payment methodology
- Oregon Health Authority workgroup directives and membership
- Effective dates

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Creates 4-year pilot Central Oregon Health Council (COHC) consisting of Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson Counties. Specifies 11 members, term of office and duties of COHC. Defines regional health improvement plan. Directs COHC to conduct regional health assessment and specifies activities, services and responsibilities to be included in plan. Sunsets January 2, 2016. Requires Oregon Health Authority to prescribe by rule uniform payment methodology for hospitals and ambulatory surgical center services that incorporate specified methodologies. Specifies January 1, 2012 effective date for hospital reimbursement claims.

**BACKGROUND:** Over the past two years, Crook County has partnered with other Central Oregon counties to create a regional approach to providing health care services. Proponents assert that the partnership has reduced emergency room utilization and in-patient medical treatment; increased child immunization rates, and improved care coordination and increased services for patients with chronic diseases. Senate Bill 204-B allows Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson Counties to form a Central Oregon Health Council to study the impact of regional health care coordination.

Additionally, Senate Bill 204-B requires Oregon Health Authority to prescribe administrative rules to all Diagnosis Related Groups (DRG) hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers in Oregon to follow the most recent Medicare payment methodology.

Both state and federal laws, including federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability (HIPAA), establish a patient's right to protect health information from unlawful use or disclosure. Senate Bill 204-B clarifies current law to allow entities providing health care to reveal the identity of an individual without obtaining authorization for the purpose of coordinating the health care and treatment provided to the individual.

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