

# House Bill 2799

Sponsored by Representative THATCHER (Pre-session filed.)

## 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**.

Requires Oregon Health Authority to provide specified information to medical assistance recipient who receives care or treatment in hospital emergency department for condition that does not require emergency care or treatment.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to information about alternatives to hospital emergency department care.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall send a letter to any recipient of**  
5 **medical assistance, as defined in ORS 414.025, who receives care or treatment:**

6 (a) **Paid for by medical assistance;**

7 (b) **At a hospital emergency department; and**

8 (c) **For any condition that is not included on the list of authorized diagnoses for emer-**  
9 **gency department reimbursement that is maintained by the federal Centers for Medicare and**  
10 **Medicaid Services.**

11 (2) **The letter sent in accordance with subsection (1) of this section shall include:**

12 (a) **Information about options available to receive care through an urgent care clinic or**  
13 **a primary care provider and the costs and benefits of such treatment in comparison to the**  
14 **costs and benefits of care received at a hospital emergency department;**

15 (b) **Information about when to seek care or treatment at a hospital emergency depart-**  
16 **ment;**

17 (c) **A list of urgent care clinics that accept medical assistance payments and a referral**  
18 **to a website containing an up-to-date list of the clinics; and**

19 (d) **Information about where to get help in finding a primary care provider.**  
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**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.