

House Bill 3143

Sponsored by Representative KOTEK (at the request of Jane Carlen)

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**.

Prohibits health care provider from billing for medical equipment that is not covered by patient's insurance under specified circumstances.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the cost of medical equipment.

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

4 **SECTION 1. A health care provider may not bill a patient for an item of medical equip-**
5 **ment that is not covered by the patient's insurance, and the patient is not liable for the cost**
6 **of an item of medical equipment that is not covered by the patient's insurance, if at the time**
7 **the item is offered the patient presents evidence of valid insurance coverage and:**

8 (1) **The provider fails to contact the insurer to find out if the item is covered; or**

9 (2) **The provider fails to verbally inform the patient that the item is not covered or is**
10 **unlikely to be covered by the patient's insurance.**

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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.