

House Bill 3678

Sponsored by Representative COWAN; Representatives BARNHART, BENTZ, BERGER, BEYER, BOONE, FREEMAN, GARRETT, HOLVEY, HOYLE, HUFFMAN, HUNT, KOTEK, G SMITH, THOMPSON, TOMEI, Senators ATKINSON, BURDICK, NELSON (at the request of Oregon State Ambulance Association)

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**.

Removes ambulance services from list of fee schedules used to calculate provider charges for personal injury protection benefits.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to personal injury protection benefits; amending ORS 742.525; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 742.525 is amended to read:

742.525. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a provider shall charge a person who receives personal injury protection benefits or that person's insurer the lesser of:

(a) An amount that does not exceed the amount the provider charges the general public; or

(b) An amount that does not exceed the fee schedules for medical services published pursuant to ORS 656.248 for expenses of medical, hospital, dental, surgical[, *ambulance*] and prosthetic services.

(2) For expenses of hospital services that are subject to the adjusted cost-to-charge ratio specified for a hospital in the hospital fee schedule published pursuant to ORS 656.248, a provider of hospital services shall charge a person who receives personal injury protection benefits or that person's insurer the greater of:

(a) The amount of the hospital charges multiplied by the adjusted cost-to-charge ratio specified for the hospital; or

(b) Ninety percent of the hospital charges.

SECTION 2. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect on its passage.

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.