# Senate Bill 206

Sponsored by Senator BATES (Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Prohibits use and disclosure without patient authorization and for fundraising activities, protected health information held by health care providers, health insurers and health care clearinghouses.

2 Relating to disclosure of protected health information; amending ORS 192.519 and 746.600.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 192.519 is amended to read:

5 192.519. As used in ORS 192.518 to 192.529:

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6 (1) "Authorization" means a document written in plain language that contains at least the fol-7 lowing:

8 (a) A description of the information to be used or disclosed that identifies the information in a 9 specific and meaningful way;

10 (b) The name or other specific identification of the person or persons authorized to make the 11 requested use or disclosure;

(c) The name or other specific identification of the person or persons to whom the covered entitymay make the requested use or disclosure;

(d) A description of each purpose of the requested use or disclosure, including but not limited
 to a statement that the use or disclosure is at the request of the individual;

(e) An expiration date or an expiration event that relates to the individual or the purpose of the
 use or disclosure;

18 (f) The signature of the individual or personal representative of the individual and the date;

19 (g) A description of the authority of the personal representative, if applicable; and

20 (h) Statements adequate to place the individual on notice of the following:

21 (A) The individual's right to revoke the authorization in writing;

22 (B) The exceptions to the right to revoke the authorization;

(C) The ability or inability to condition treatment, payment, enrollment or eligibility for benefits
 on whether the individual signs the authorization; and

25 (D) The potential for information disclosed pursuant to the authorization to be subject to 26 redisclosure by the recipient and no longer protected.

27 (2) "Covered entity" means:

28 (a) A state health plan;

29 (b) A health insurer;

30 (c) A health care provider that transmits any health information in electronic form to carry out 31 financial or administrative activities in connection with a transaction covered by ORS 192.518 to

192.529; or 1 2 (d) A health care clearinghouse. (3) "Health care" means care, services or supplies related to the health of an individual. 3 (4) "Health care operations" includes but is not limited to: 4 (a) Quality assessment, accreditation, auditing and improvement activities; 5 (b) Case management and care coordination; 6 (c) Reviewing the competence, qualifications or performance of health care providers or health 7 8 insurers; 9 (d) Underwriting activities; (e) Arranging for legal services; 10 (f) Business planning; 11 12 (g) Customer services; 13 (h) Resolving internal grievances; and (i) Creating de-identified information[; and] 14 [(j) Fundraising]. 15 (5) "Health care provider" includes but is not limited to: 16 (a) A psychologist, occupational therapist, regulated social worker, professional counselor or 17 marriage and family therapist licensed or otherwise authorized to practice under ORS chapter 675 18 or an employee of the psychologist, occupational therapist, regulated social worker, professional 19 counselor or marriage and family therapist; 20(b) A physician, podiatric physician and surgeon, physician assistant or acupuncturist licensed 21 22under ORS chapter 677 or an employee of the physician, podiatric physician and surgeon, physician 23assistant or acupuncturist; (c) A nurse or nursing home administrator licensed under ORS chapter 678 or an employee of 94 the nurse or nursing home administrator; 25(d) A dentist licensed under ORS chapter 679 or an employee of the dentist; 2627(e) A dental hygienist or denturist licensed under ORS chapter 680 or an employee of the dental hygienist or denturist; 28 (f) A speech-language pathologist or audiologist licensed under ORS chapter 681 or an employee 2930 of the speech-language pathologist or audiologist; 31 (g) An emergency medical technician certified under ORS chapter 682; (h) An optometrist licensed under ORS chapter 683 or an employee of the optometrist; 32(i) A chiropractic physician licensed under ORS chapter 684 or an employee of the chiropractic 33 34 physician; 35(j) A naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685 or an employee of the naturopathic physician; 36 37 (k) A massage therapist licensed under ORS 687.011 to 687.250 or an employee of the massage 38 therapist; (L) A direct entry midwife licensed under ORS 687.405 to 687.495 or an employee of the direct 39 entry midwife; 40 (m) A physical therapist licensed under ORS 688.010 to 688.201 or an employee of the physical 41 therapist; 42 (n) A medical imaging licensee under ORS 688.405 to 688.605 or an employee of the medical 43 imaging licensee; 44 (o) A respiratory care practitioner licensed under ORS 688.800 to 688.840 or an employee of the 45

1	respiratory care practitioner;
2	(p) A pharmacist licensed under ORS chapter 689 or an employee of the pharmacist;
3	(q) A dietitian licensed under ORS 691.405 to 691.585 or an employee of the dietitian;
4	(r) A funeral service practitioner licensed under ORS chapter 692 or an employee of the funeral
5	service practitioner;
6	(s) A health care facility as defined in ORS 442.015;
7	(t) A home health agency as defined in ORS 443.005;
8	(u) A hospice program as defined in ORS 443.850;
9	(v) A clinical laboratory as defined in ORS 438.010;
10	(w) A pharmacy as defined in ORS 689.005;
11	(x) A diabetes self-management program as defined in ORS 743A.184; and
12	(y) Any other person or entity that furnishes, bills for or is paid for health care in the normal
13	course of business.
14	(6) "Health information" means any oral or written information in any form or medium that:
15	(a) Is created or received by a covered entity, a public health authority, an employer, a life
16	insurer, a school, a university or a health care provider that is not a covered entity; and
17	(b) Relates to:
18	(A) The past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual;
19	(B) The provision of health care to an individual; or
20	(C) The past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual.
21	(7) "Health insurer" means:
22	(a) An insurer as defined in ORS 731.106 who offers:
23	(A) A health benefit plan as defined in ORS 743.730;
24	(B) A short term health insurance policy, the duration of which does not exceed six months in-
25	cluding renewals;
26	(C) A student health insurance policy;
27	(D) A Medicare supplemental policy; or
28	(E) A dental only policy.
29	(b) The Oregon Medical Insurance Pool operated by the Oregon Medical Insurance Pool Board
30	under ORS 735.600 to 735.650.
31	(8) "Individually identifiable health information" means any oral or written health information
32	in any form or medium that is:
33	(a) Created or received by a covered entity, an employer or a health care provider that is not
34	a covered entity; and
35	(b) Identifiable to an individual, including demographic information that identifies the individual,
36	or for which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify an indi-
37	vidual, and that relates to:
38	(A) The past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual;
39	(B) The provision of health care to an individual; or
40	(C) The past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual.
41	(9) "Payment" includes but is not limited to:
42	(a) Efforts to obtain premiums or reimbursement;
43	(b) Determining eligibility or coverage;
44	(c) Billing activities;
45	(d) Claims management;

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(e) Reviewing health care to determine medical necessity; 1 2 (f) Utilization review; and (g) Disclosures to consumer reporting agencies. 3 (10) "Personal representative" includes but is not limited to: 4 (a) A person appointed as a guardian under ORS 125.305, 419B.370, 419C.481 or 419C.555 with 5 authority to make medical and health care decisions; 6 (b) A person appointed as a health care representative under ORS 127.505 to 127.660 or a rep-7 resentative under ORS 127.700 to 127.737 to make health care decisions or mental health treatment 8 9 decisions: (c) A person appointed as a personal representative under ORS chapter 113; and 10 11 (d) A person described in ORS 192.526. 12 (11)(a) "Protected health information" means individually identifiable health information that is maintained or transmitted in any form of electronic or other medium by a covered entity. 13 (b) "Protected health information" does not mean individually identifiable health information in: 14 15 (A) Education records covered by the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g); 16 (B) Records described at 20 U.S.C. 1232g(a)(4)(B)(iv); or 17 18 (C) Employment records held by a covered entity in its role as employer. (12) "State health plan" means: 19 (a) Medical assistance as defined in ORS 414.025; 20(b) The Health Care for All Oregon Children program; 21 (c) The Family Health Insurance Assistance Program established in ORS 414.841 to 414.864; or 22(d) Any medical assistance or premium assistance program operated by the Oregon Health Au-2324 thority. (13) "Treatment" includes but is not limited to: 25(a) The provision, coordination or management of health care; and 26(b) Consultations and referrals between health care providers. 27SECTION 2. ORS 746.600 is amended to read: 28746.600. As used in ORS 746.600 to 746.690: 2930 (1)(a) "Adverse underwriting decision" means any of the following actions with respect to in-31 surance transactions involving insurance coverage that is individually underwritten: (A) A declination of insurance coverage. 32(B) A termination of insurance coverage. 33 34 (C) Failure of an insurance producer to apply for insurance coverage with a specific insurer that 35 the insurance producer represents and that is requested by an applicant. (D) In the case of life or health insurance coverage, an offer to insure at higher than standard 36 37 rates. 38 (E) In the case of insurance coverage other than life or health insurance coverage: (i) Placement by an insurer or insurance producer of a risk with a residual market mechanism, 39 an unauthorized insurer or an insurer that specializes in substandard risks. 40 (ii) The charging of a higher rate on the basis of information that differs from that which the 41 applicant or policyholder furnished. 42 (iii) An increase in any charge imposed by the insurer for any personal insurance in connection 43 with the underwriting of insurance. For purposes of this sub-subparagraph, the imposition of a ser-44 vice fee is not a charge. 45

1 (b) "Adverse underwriting decision" does not mean any of the following actions, but the insurer 2 or insurance producer responsible for the occurrence of the action must nevertheless provide the 3 applicant or policyholder with the specific reason or reasons for the occurrence:

(A) The termination of an individual policy form on a class or statewide basis.

5 (B) A declination of insurance coverage solely because the coverage is not available on a class 6 or statewide basis.

7 (C) The rescission of a policy.

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8 (2) "Affiliate of" a specified person or "person affiliated with" a specified person means a person 9 who directly, or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is 10 under common control with, the person specified.

(3) "Applicant" means a person who seeks to contract for insurance coverage, other than a
 person seeking group insurance coverage that is not individually underwritten.

(4) "Consumer" means an individual, or the personal representative of the individual, who seeks
to obtain, obtains or has obtained one or more insurance products or services from a licensee that
are to be used primarily for personal, family or household purposes, and about whom the licensee
has personal information.

(5) "Consumer report" means any written, oral or other communication of information bearing on a natural person's creditworthiness, credit standing, credit capacity, character, general reputation, personal characteristics or mode of living that is used or expected to be used in connection with an insurance transaction.

(6) "Consumer reporting agency" means a person that, for monetary fees or dues, or on a co operative or nonprofit basis:

23 (a) Regularly engages, in whole or in part, in assembling or preparing consumer reports;

24 (b) Obtains information primarily from sources other than insurers; and

25 (c) Furnishes consumer reports to other persons.

(7) "Control" means, and the terms "controlled by" or "under common control with" refer to, the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract other than a commercial contract for goods or nonmanagement services, or otherwise, unless the power of the person is the result of a corporate office held in, or an official position held with, the controlled person.

32 (8) "Covered entity" means:

33 (a) A health insurer;

(b) A health care provider that transmits any health information in electronic form to carry out
financial or administrative activities in connection with a transaction covered by ORS 746.607 or
by rules adopted under ORS 746.608; or

37 (c) A health care clearinghouse.

(9) "Credit history" means any written or other communication of any information by a con sumer reporting agency that:

40 (a) Bears on a consumer's creditworthiness, credit standing or credit capacity; and

(b) Is used or expected to be used, or collected in whole or in part, as a factor in determining
eligibility, premiums or rates for personal insurance.

(10) "Customer" means a consumer who has a continuing relationship with a licensee under
which the licensee provides one or more insurance products or services to the consumer that are
to be used primarily for personal, family or household purposes.

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(11) "Declination of insurance coverage" or "decline coverage" means a denial, in whole or in 1 2 part, by an insurer or insurance producer of an application for requested insurance coverage. (12) "Health care" means care, services or supplies related to the health of an individual. 3 (13) "Health care operations" includes but is not limited to: 4 (a) Quality assessment, accreditation, auditing and improvement activities; 5 (b) Case management and care coordination; 6 (c) Reviewing the competence, qualifications or performance of health care providers or health 7 8 insurers; 9 (d) Underwriting activities; (e) Arranging for legal services; 10 (f) Business planning; 11 12 (g) Customer services; 13 (h) Resolving internal grievances; and (i) Creating de-identified information[; and] 14 [(j) Fundraising]. 15 (14) "Health care provider" includes but is not limited to: 16 (a) A psychologist, occupational therapist, regulated social worker, professional counselor or 17 marriage and family therapist licensed or otherwise authorized to practice under ORS chapter 675 18 or an employee of the psychologist, occupational therapist, regulated social worker, professional 19 20 counselor or marriage and family therapist; (b) A physician, podiatric physician and surgeon, physician assistant or acupuncturist licensed 21 22under ORS chapter 677 or an employee of the physician, podiatric physician and surgeon, physician 23assistant or acupuncturist; (c) A nurse or nursing home administrator licensed under ORS chapter 678 or an employee of 94 the nurse or nursing home administrator; 25(d) A dentist licensed under ORS chapter 679 or an employee of the dentist; 2627(e) A dental hygienist or denturist licensed under ORS chapter 680 or an employee of the dental hygienist or denturist; 28 (f) A speech-language pathologist or audiologist licensed under ORS chapter 681 or an employee 2930 of the speech-language pathologist or audiologist; 31 (g) An emergency medical technician certified under ORS chapter 682; (h) An optometrist licensed under ORS chapter 683 or an employee of the optometrist; 32(i) A chiropractic physician licensed under ORS chapter 684 or an employee of the chiropractic 33 34 physician; 35(j) A naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685 or an employee of the naturopathic physician; 36 37 (k) A massage therapist licensed under ORS 687.011 to 687.250 or an employee of the massage 38 therapist; (L) A direct entry midwife licensed under ORS 687.405 to 687.495 or an employee of the direct 39 40 entry midwife; (m) A physical therapist licensed under ORS 688.010 to 688.201 or an employee of the physical 41 therapist; 42 (n) A medical imaging licensee under ORS 688.405 to 688.605 or an employee of the medical 43 imaging licensee; 44 (o) A respiratory care practitioner licensed under ORS 688.800 to 688.840 or an employee of the 45

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2 (a) Created or received by a covered entity or a health care provider that is not a covered en-3 tity: and (b) Identifiable to an individual, including demographic information that identifies the individual, 4 or for which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify an indi-5 vidual, and that relates to: 6 (A) The past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual; 7 8 (B) The provision of health care to an individual; or 9 (C) The past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual. 10 (20) "Institutional source" means a person or governmental entity that provides information about an individual to an insurer, insurance producer or insurance-support organization, other than: 11 12(a) An insurance producer; 13 (b) The individual who is the subject of the information; or (c) A natural person acting in a personal capacity rather than in a business or professional ca-14 15pacity. 16 (21) "Insurance producer" or "producer" means a person licensed by the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services as a resident or nonresident insurance producer. 17 18 (22) "Insurance score" means a number or rating that is derived from an algorithm, computer application, model or other process that is based in whole or in part on credit history. 19 (23)(a) "Insurance-support organization" means a person who regularly engages, in whole or in 20part, in assembling or collecting information about natural persons for the primary purpose of pro-2122viding the information to an insurer or insurance producer for insurance transactions, including: 23(A) The furnishing of consumer reports to an insurer or insurance producer for use in connection with insurance transactions; and 24 25(B) The collection of personal information from insurers, insurance producers or other 26insurance-support organizations for the purpose of detecting or preventing fraud, material misrep-27resentation or material nondisclosure in connection with insurance underwriting or insurance claim activity. 28(b) "Insurance-support organization" does not mean insurers, insurance producers, governmental 2930 institutions or health care providers. 31 (24) "Insurance transaction" means any transaction that involves insurance primarily for per-32sonal, family or household needs rather than business or professional needs and that entails: (a) The determination of an individual's eligibility for an insurance coverage, benefit or payment; 33 34 or 35(b) The servicing of an insurance application, policy or certificate. (25) "Insurer" has the meaning given that term in ORS 731.106. 36 37 (26) "Investigative consumer report" means a consumer report, or portion of a consumer report, for which information about a natural person's character, general reputation, personal character-38 istics or mode of living is obtained through personal interviews with the person's neighbors, friends, 39 associates, acquaintances or others who may have knowledge concerning such items of information. 40 (27) "Licensee" means an insurer, insurance producer or other person authorized or required to 41 be authorized, or licensed or required to be licensed, pursuant to the Insurance Code. 42 (28) "Loss history report" means a report provided by, or a database maintained by, an 43 insurance-support organization or consumer reporting agency that contains information regarding 44 the claims history of the individual property that is the subject of the application for a homeowner 45

- 1 insurance policy or the consumer applying for a homeowner insurance policy.
- 2 (29) "Nonaffiliated third party" means any person except:
- 3 (a) An affiliate of a licensee;
- 4 (b) A person that is employed jointly by a licensee and by a person that is not an affiliate of the
- 5 licensee; and
- 6 (c) As designated by the director by rule.
- 7 (30) "Payment" includes but is not limited to:
- 8 (a) Efforts to obtain premiums or reimbursement;
- 9 (b) Determining eligibility or coverage;
- 10 (c) Billing activities;
- 11 (d) Claims management;
- 12 (e) Reviewing health care to determine medical necessity;
- 13 (f) Utilization review; and
- 14 (g) Disclosures to consumer reporting agencies.
- 15 (31)(a) "Personal financial information" means:

16 (A) Information that is identifiable with an individual, gathered in connection with an insurance 17 transaction from which judgments can be made about the individual's character, habits, avocations,

- 18 finances, occupations, general reputation, credit or any other personal characteristics; or
- (B) An individual's name, address and policy number or similar form of access code for theindividual's policy.
- (b) "Personal financial information" does not mean information that a licensee has a reasonable basis to believe is lawfully made available to the general public from federal, state or local government records, widely distributed media or disclosures to the public that are required by federal,
- 24 state or local law.
- 25 (32) "Personal information" means:
- 26 (a) Personal financial information;
- 27 (b) Individually identifiable health information; or
- 28 (c) Protected health information.
- (33) "Personal insurance" means the following types of insurance products or services that are
   to be used primarily for personal, family or household purposes:
- 31 (a) Private passenger automobile coverage;
- 32 (b) Homeowner, mobile homeowners, manufactured homeowners, condominium owners and 33 renters coverage;
- 34 (c) Personal dwelling property coverage;
- 35 (d) Personal liability and theft coverage, including excess personal liability and theft coverage;36 and
- 37 (e) Personal inland marine coverage.
- 38 (34) "Personal representative" includes but is not limited to:
- (a) A person appointed as a guardian under ORS 125.305, 419B.370, 419C.481 or 419C.555 with
   authority to make medical and health care decisions;
- 41 (b) A person appointed as a health care representative under ORS 127.505 to 127.660 or 127.700
- 42 to 127.737 to make health care decisions or mental health treatment decisions;
- 43 (c) A person appointed as a personal representative under ORS chapter 113; and
- 44 (d) A person described in ORS 746.611.
- 45 (35) "Policyholder" means a person who:

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1	(a) In the case of individual policies of life or health insurance, is a current policyowner;	
<b>2</b>	(b) In the case of individual policies of other kinds of insurance, is currently a named insured;	
3	or	
4	(c) In the case of group policies of insurance under which coverage is individually underwritten,	
5	is a current certificate holder.	
6	(36) "Pretext interview" means an interview wherein the interviewer, in an attempt to obtain	
7	personal information about a natural person, does one or more of the following:	
8	(a) Pretends to be someone the interviewer is not.	
9	(b) Pretends to represent a person the interviewer is not in fact representing.	
10	(c) Misrepresents the true purpose of the interview.	
11	(d) Refuses upon request to identify the interviewer.	
12	(37) "Privileged information" means information that is identifiable with an individual and that:	
13	(a) Relates to a claim for insurance benefits or a civil or criminal proceeding involving the in-	
14	dividual; and	
15	(b) Is collected in connection with or in reasonable anticipation of a claim for insurance benefits	
16	or a civil or criminal proceeding involving the individual.	
17	(38)(a) "Protected health information" means individually identifiable health information that is	
18	transmitted or maintained in any form of electronic or other medium by a covered entity.	
19	(b) "Protected health information" does not mean individually identifiable health information in:	
20	(A) Education records covered by the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20	
21	U.S.C. 1232g);	
22	(B) Records described at 20 U.S.C. 1232g(a)(4)(B)(iv); or	
23	(C) Employment records held by a covered entity in its role as employer.	
24	(39) "Residual market mechanism" means an association, organization or other entity involved	
25	in the insuring of risks under ORS 735.005 to 735.145, 737.312 or other provisions of the Insurance	
26	Code relating to insurance applicants who are unable to procure insurance through normal insur-	
27	ance markets.	
28	(40) "Termination of insurance coverage" or "termination of an insurance policy" means either	
29	a cancellation or a nonrenewal of an insurance policy, in whole or in part, for any reason other than	
30	the failure of a premium to be paid as required by the policy.	
31	(41) "Treatment" includes but is not limited to:	
32	(a) The provision, coordination or management of health care; and	
33	(b) Consultations and referrals between health care providers.	
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