

Senate Bill 210

Sponsored by Senator BATES (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 reimburse primary care practitioners directly or through prepaid managed care health services organizations based on Medicare reimbursement rate.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the rate of reimbursement for primary care practitioners; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2011 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 414.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section "primary care practitioner" means a nurse prac-**
6 **titioner who is certified by the Oregon State Board of Nursing under ORS 678.375 and who**
7 **is acting within the scope of practice for a nurse practitioner, or a physician licensed under**
8 **ORS chapter 677 whose specialty is family practice, general practice, internal medicine,**
9 **pediatrics or obstetrics and gynecology.**

10 **(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall reimburse primary care practitioners who are paid**
11 **for providing health services to recipients of medical assistance on a fee-for-service basis at**
12 **a rate equal to or greater than 150 percent of the Medicare reimbursement rate for the**
13 **practitioners.**

14 **(3) The Oregon Health Authority shall calculate the capitation rate for each prepaid**
15 **managed care health services organization as defined in ORS 414.736 using a cost for reim-**
16 **bursing primary care practitioners providing services through the organization at the rate**
17 **established under subsection (2) of this section.**

18 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2011 Act is amended to read:**

19 **(1) As used in this section "primary care practitioner" means a nurse practitioner who is certi-**
20 **fied by the Oregon State Board of Nursing under ORS 678.375 and who is acting within the scope**
21 **of practice for a nurse practitioner, or a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677 whose specialty**
22 **is family practice, general practice, internal medicine, pediatrics or obstetrics and gynecology.**

23 **(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall reimburse primary care practitioners who are paid for**
24 **providing health services to recipients of medical assistance on a fee-for-service basis at a rate equal**
25 **to or greater than [150 percent of] the Medicare reimbursement rate for the practitioners.**

26 **(3) The Oregon Health Authority shall calculate the capitation rate for each prepaid managed**
27 **care health services organization as defined in ORS 414.736 using a cost for reimbursing primary**
28 **care practitioners providing services through the organization at the rate established under sub-**
29 **section (2) of this section.**

30 **SECTION 4. Section 2 of this 2011 Act becomes operative July 1, 2011.**

31 **SECTION 5. The amendments to section 2 of this 2011 Act by section 3 of this 2011 Act**

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.

1 **become operative July 1, 2012.**

2 **SECTION 6. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
3 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect**
4 **on its passage.**

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