

Senate Bill 433

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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**.

Expands eligibility for medical assistance for low-income and uninsured women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to treatment of cancer; amending ORS 414.534.

2 Whereas the incidence of breast cancer in Oregon is among the top five in the nation; and

3 Whereas 2,910 women were diagnosed with breast cancer and 130 women were diagnosed with
4 cervical cancer in Oregon in 2010; and

5 Whereas low-income and uninsured women may not have access to screening through the
6 Oregon Breast and Cervical Cancer Program and therefore wait until they show active signs of
7 cancer to seek medical treatment; and

8 Whereas women who are not screened through the Oregon Breast and Cervical Cancer Program
9 are not eligible for federally supported treatment; and

10 Whereas under the federal Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act of 2000,
11 eligible low-income and uninsured women can enroll in and receive treatment for breast or cervical
12 cancer in Oregon; and

13 Whereas the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act of 2000 allows the
14 Oregon Health Authority to receive federal funds to support the majority of the medical costs
15 needed to support low-income and uninsured women in Oregon to receive breast or cervical cancer
16 treatment services; and

17 Whereas the cost of treatment for a woman diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer may be
18 absorbed by a provider in the form of "charity care"; and

19 Whereas additional charity care drives up the cost of health care for other Oregonians; now,
20 therefore,

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

22 **SECTION 1.** ORS 414.534 is amended to read:

23 414.534. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall provide medical assistance to a woman who:

24 *[(a) Is screened for breast or cervical cancer through the Oregon Breast and Cervical Cancer*
25 *Program operated by the authority;]*

26 *[(b)] (a) [As a result of a screening in accordance with paragraph (a) of this subsection,] Is found*
27 *by a provider to be in need of treatment for breast or cervical cancer;*

28 **(b) Meets the eligibility criteria for the Oregon Breast and Cervical Cancer Program**
29 **prescribed by rule by the authority;**
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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.

1 (c) Does not otherwise have creditable coverage, as defined in 42 U.S.C. 300gg(c); and

2 (d) Is 64 years of age or younger.

3 (2) The period of time a woman can receive medical assistance based on the eligibility criteria
4 of subsection (1) of this section:

5 (a) Begins:

6 (A) On the date the Department of Human Services **or the Oregon Health Authority** makes
7 a formal determination that the woman is eligible for medical assistance in accordance with sub-
8 section (1) of this section; or

9 (B) Up to three months prior to the month in which the woman applied for medical assistance
10 if on the earlier date the woman met the eligibility criteria of subsection (1) of this section.

11 (b) Ends when:

12 (A) The woman is no longer in need of treatment; or

13 (B) The department determines the woman no longer meets the eligibility criteria of subsection
14 (1) of this section.

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