

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 4127 A

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Measure Description:

Requires Oregon Health Authority to adopt standards and procedures to certify specified mental health providers to qualify for insurance reimbursement.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Summary of Expenditure Impact - Oregon Health Authority		
	2011-13 Biennium	2013-15 Biennium
Other Funds	16,000	24,000
Total Funds	\$16,000	\$24,000

Summary of Revenue Impact - Oregon Health Authority		
	2011-13 Biennium	2013-15 Biennium
Other Funds	16,000	24,000
Total Funds	\$16,000	\$24,000

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

HB 4127 creates a new reimbursable provider type under the existing mandated group health insurance policies. The bill authorizes the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to certify non-inpatient mental health providers for the purpose of insurance reimbursement. The bill permits OHA to adopt by rule an application and/or certification fee to carry out the provisions of this bill. The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect upon passage

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

House Bill 4127 authorizes the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to certify non-inpatient mental health providers for the purpose of insurance reimbursement. The bill permits OHA to adopt by rule an application and/or certification fee to carry out the provisions of this bill. OHA estimates that the cost for a contractor to provide this certification service is \$24,000 Other Funds per biennium. Assuming an average of 40 providers will apply for this certification, the authority estimates a fee of \$600.

Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS)

The fiscal impact of this bill on DCBS is anticipated to be minimal. The department anticipates using existing staff and resources to update policies and answer questions about changes resulting from the bill.