

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Clem, Conger, Harker, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Thompson, Weidner, Greenlick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/13, 3/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) adopt standards and procedures to certify specified mental health providers to qualify for insurance reimbursement. Authorizes OHA adopt fee for certification and for applying for certification. Clarifies only approved or certified providers may receive reimbursement. Allows insurer to establish provider credentialing requirements. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Loss of mental health outpatient certification in 2009 split between OHA and DHS
- Insurance industry support for certification process

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies only approved or certified providers may receive reimbursement. Allows insurer to establish provider credentialing requirements.

BACKGROUND: In 2009, House Bill 2009 was enacted, which created the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and moved several of the state's health programs which were previously under the Department of Human Services (DHS) under OHA. Prior to this separation, mental health outpatient clinics were certified by DHS. Since the separation, there has been no mechanism for these clinics to be certified by the state. With no certification, it is difficult for these clinics to receive compensation from insurers.

House Bill 2737-A requires OHA to create a certification process for providers not otherwise subject to certification or licensing, including mental health outpatient clinics.

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