

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:	3/8, 3/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides grievance process for medical assistance recipients. Allows party in contested case hearing be represented by attorney from nonprofit legal services program. Allows claimant in contested case hearing be represented by relative, friend or any person of claimant's choosing. Defines medical assistance separate from public assistance and conforms applicable statutes to reflect definitional change. Deletes provisions relating to allocation of funds. Allows party in contested case hearing be represented by attorney from nonprofit legal services program. Allows claimant in contested case hearing be represented by relative, friend or any person of claimant's choosing. Allows Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Department of Human Services (DHS) to determine eligibility for medical assistance. Requires OHA establish program to provide grants to coordinated care organizations for pilot projects designed to improve patient engagement and accountability for a patient's health. Aligns state law with federal Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program laws. Specifies medical assistance application procedures for OHA, DHS and Oregon Health Insurance Exchange (Cover Oregon). Operative January 1, 2014. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the bill

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes medical assistance from definition of public assistance. Deletes provisions relating to allocation of funds. Allows party in contested case hearing be represented by attorney from nonprofit legal services program. Allows claimant in contested case hearing be represented by relative, friend or any person of claimant's choosing. Requires OHA establish program to provide grants to coordinated care organizations for pilot projects designed to improve patient engagement and accountability for a patient's health.

BACKGROUND: In 2010, the federal government enacted the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). The ACA aims to decrease the number of uninsured Americans and reduce the overall costs of health care. The ACA creates mandates, subsidies and tax credits to employers and individuals to increase the coverage rate.

Four key pieces of legislation bring Oregon into compliance with the provisions of the ACA and update related programs:

- House Bill 2240-A implements federal requirements in Oregon's insurance code and abolishes programs which are obsolete with provisions of ACA.
- House Bill 3458-A establishes the Oregon Supplemental Reinsurance Program in the Oregon Health Authority. The program stabilizes rates and premiums for the market by providing supplemental reinsurance payments to insurers.
- House Bill 2859-A updates Oregon's medical assistance programs to reflect federal Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program changes.
- House Bill 2091-A updates the Health Care for All Oregon Children Program to reflect federal requirements.

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