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House Bill 2118

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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.

Creates health plan quality metrics work group. Specifies membership and tasks of work group. Requires work group to make recommendations on appropriate health outcomes and quality measures to be used by Oregon Health Insurance Exchange Corporation and on reporting requirements for insurers and other data collection. Requires final report to appropriate interim committees of Legislative Assembly by May 31, 2014. Sunsets work group upon convening of 2015 regular session of Legislative Assembly.

Authorizes corporation to serve certain notices by regular mail or electronically.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to qualified health plans offered through the Oregon Health Insurance Exchange; and de-
3 claring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) There is created a nine-member health plan quality metrics work group,**
6 **consisting of:**

7 **(a) One member appointed by the executive director of the Oregon Health Insurance**
8 **Exchange Corporation;**

9 **(b) One member appointed by the Oregon Health Authority;**

10 **(c) One member appointed by the Oregon Educators Benefit Board;**

11 **(d) One member appointed by the Public Employees' Benefit Board; and**

12 **(e) Five members appointed by the executive director of the Oregon Health Insurance**
13 **Exchange Corporation, in consultation with the Director of the Oregon Health Authority, the**
14 **Oregon Educators Benefit Board and the Public Employees' Benefit Board, including:**

15 **(A) One individual with expertise in health care research;**

16 **(B) One individual with expertise in health care quality measures;**

17 **(C) One representative of insurers;**

18 **(D) One representative of consumers of health care; and**

19 **(E) One representative of a self-insured large employer.**

20 **(2)(a) The work group shall publish recommendations for appropriate health outcomes**
21 **and quality measures to be used by the corporation, the authority and the boards. In devel-**
22 **oping the measures, the work group shall consider other state and national health outcomes**
23 **and quality measures and methodologies.**

24 **(b) To the extent practicable, the work group shall recommend measures that further the**

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 goals of the Oregon Integrated and Coordinated Health Care Delivery System while recog-
2 nizing the unique needs and goals of the corporation, the authority and the boards.

3 (3) The work group shall utilize available health outcomes and quality measures and the
4 data systems for reporting the measures and minimize redundant reporting or the reporting
5 of data with limited value.

6 (4) The work group shall develop a common format for collecting consumer responses to
7 the health quality measures and encourage the corporation, the authority and the boards to
8 publicly report the findings.

9 (5)(a) The work group shall report its progress to the 2014 regular session of the Legis-
10 lative Assembly.

11 (b) No later than May 31, 2014, the work group shall provide to the appropriate interim
12 committees of the Legislative Assembly a final report of the work group's recommendations
13 and any steps taken by the corporation, the authority and the boards to implement the rec-
14 ommendations.

15 (6) The corporation shall provide staff support for the work group.

16 **SECTION 2.** (1) The Oregon Health Insurance Exchange Corporation may serve by regu-
17 lar mail or, if requested by the recipient, by electronic mail a notice described in ORS 183.415
18 of the corporation's determination of:

19 (a) A person's eligibility to purchase or to continue to purchase a qualified health plan
20 through the health insurance exchange;

21 (b) A person's eligibility for a premium tax credit for purchasing a qualified health plan
22 or the amount of the person's premium tax credit; or

23 (c) A person's eligibility for cost-sharing reductions for qualified health plans and the
24 amount of the person's cost-sharing reduction.

25 (2) The legal presumption described in ORS 40.135 (1)(q) does not apply to a notice that
26 is served by regular or electronic mail in accordance with subsection (1) of this section.

27 (3) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, a contested case notice served in
28 accordance with subsection (1) of this section that complies with ORS 183.415 but for service
29 by regular or electronic mail becomes a final order against a party and is not subject to ORS
30 183.470 (2), upon the earlier of the following:

31 (a) If the party fails to request a hearing, the day after the date prescribed in the notice
32 as the deadline for requesting a hearing.

33 (b) The date the corporation or the Office of Administrative Hearings mails an order
34 dismissing a hearing request because:

35 (A) The party withdraws the request for hearing; or

36 (B) Neither the party nor the party's representative appears on the date and at the time
37 set for hearing.

38 (4) The corporation shall prescribe by rule a period of not less than 60 days after a notice
39 becomes a final order under subsection (3) of this section within which a party may request
40 a hearing under this subsection. If a party requests a hearing within the period prescribed
41 under this subsection, the corporation shall do one of the following:

42 (a) If the corporation finds that the party did not receive the written notice and did not
43 have actual knowledge of the notice, refer the request for hearing to the Office of Adminis-
44 trative Hearings for a contested case proceeding on the merits of the corporation's intended
45 action described in the notice.

1 **(b) Refer the request for hearing to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a contested**
2 **case proceeding to determine whether the party received the written notice or had actual**
3 **knowledge of the notice. The corporation must show that the party had actual knowledge of**
4 **the notice or that the corporation mailed the notice to the party's correct address or sent**
5 **an electronic notice to the party's correct electronic mail address.**

6 **(5) If a party informs the corporation that the party did not receive a notice served by**
7 **regular or electronic mail in accordance with subsection (1) of this section, the corporation**
8 **shall advise the party of the right to request a hearing under subsection (4) of this section.**

9 **SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2013 Act is repealed upon the convening of the 2015 regular**
10 **session of the Legislative Assembly.**

11 **SECTION 4. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
12 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect**
13 **on its passage.**