House Bill 2313

Sponsored by Representative READ (Presession filed.)

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.**

Requires insurer to provide process for nurse practitioner practicing in rural or frontier area to earn same reimbursement paid to primary care physician.

1 **A BILL FOR AN ACT**

2 Relating to reimbursement of nurse practitioner services; amending ORS 743A.036.

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

4 SECTION 1. ORS 743A.036 is amended to read:

5 743A.036. (1) Whenever any policy of health insurance provides for reimbursement for any ser-

6 vice which is within the lawful scope of practice of a duly licensed and certified nurse practitioner,

7 including prescribing or dispensing drugs, the insured under the policy is entitled to reimbursement

8 for such service whether it is performed by a physician licensed by the Oregon Medical Board or

9 by a duly licensed nurse practitioner.

10 **(2) An insurer shall provide a process through which a nurse practitioner may obtain the**

11 **same reimbursement for a service that the insurer pays to a primary care physician for the**

12 **service if:**

13 **(a) The nurse practitioner maintains an independent primary care practice in a rural or**

14 **frontier area, as designated by the Office of Rural Health; and**

15 **(b) No licensed primary care physician is practicing in a location that is less than 15**

16 **miles from the location of the practice of the nurse practitioner.**

17 [*(2)*] **(3)** This section does not apply to group practice health maintenance organizations that are

18 federally qualified pursuant to Title XIII of the Health Maintenance Organization Act **or to nurse**

19 **practitioners employed by or in a professional services contract with a licensed health care**

20 **facility, ambulatory surgical center or physician's office.**

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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.
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