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House Bill 2902

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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.

Requires insurers to reimburse physician assistants and nurse practitioners **in independent practices** at same rate as physicians for same services.
[Declares emergency, effective on passage.]

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to equal pay for health practitioners; creating new provisions; and 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]* **a primary care or mental health service provided by**
8 **a licensed physician**, the insured under the policy is entitled to reimbursement for such service
9 *[whether it is performed by a physician licensed by the Oregon Medical Board or by a duly licensed*
10 *nurse practitioner]* **if provided by a licensed physician assistant or a certified nurse practitioner**
11 **if the service is within the lawful scope of practice of the physician assistant or nurse prac-**
12 **titioner.**

13 **(2)(a) The reimbursement of a service described in subsection (1) of this section that is**
14 **provided by a licensed physician assistant or a certified nurse practitioner who is in an in-**
15 **dependent practice shall be in the same amount as the reimbursement paid under the policy**
16 **to a licensed physician performing the service in the area served.**

17 **(b) As used in this subsection, "independent practice" means the provision of health care**
18 **services to patients in a setting in which the licensed physician assistant or the certified**
19 **nurse practitioner bills insurers for services identified by diagnosis and procedure codes us-**
20 **ing the physician assistant's or nurse practitioner's own name and national provider identi-**
21 **fier.**

22 *[(2)]* **(3) This section does not apply to group practice health maintenance organizations that are**
23 **federally qualified pursuant to Title XIII of the Health Maintenance Organization Act.**

24 **SECTION 2.** The amendments to ORS 743A.036 by section 1 of this 2013 Act apply:

25 **(1) To services provided under contracts entered into or renewed on or after the effective**
26 **date of this 2013 Act by in-network, as defined in ORS 743.871, physician assistants or nurse**
27 **practitioners.**

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.

