

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 **as introduced**.

Requires insurers to reimburse physician assistants and nurse practitioners at same rate as physicians for same services.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to equal pay for health practitioners; creating new provisions; amending ORS 743A.036; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

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

6 743A.036. (1) Whenever any policy of health insurance provides for reimbursement for [*any ser-*
7 *vice which is within the lawful scope of practice of a duly licensed and certified nurse practitioner,*
8 *including prescribing or dispensing drugs*] **a primary care or mental health service provided by**
9 **a licensed physician**, the insured under the policy is entitled to reimbursement for such service
10 [*whether it is performed by a physician licensed by the Oregon Medical Board or by a duly licensed*
11 *nurse practitioner*] **if provided by a licensed physician assistant or a certified nurse practitioner**
12 **if the service is within the lawful scope of practice of the physician assistant or nurse prac-**
13 **titioner.**

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

18 [(2)] **(3)** This section does not apply to group practice health maintenance organizations that are
19 federally qualified pursuant to Title XIII of the Health Maintenance Organization Act.

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

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

24 **(2) To services provided on or after the effective date of this 2013 Act by out-of-network,**
25 **as defined in ORS 743.871, physician assistants or nurse practitioners.**

26 **SECTION 3.** This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
27 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect**
28 **on its passage.**

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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.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.