

## SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 604

By COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

April 24

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 31 and delete page 2 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. Sections 2 to 7 of this 2013 Act are added to and made a part of ORS**  
3 **chapter 442.**

4 **“SECTION 2. As used in sections 2 to 7 of this 2013 Act:**

5 **“(1) ‘Credentialing information’ means information necessary to credential or recreden-**  
6 **tial a health care practitioner.**

7 **“(2) ‘Credentialing organization’ means a hospital or other health care facility, physician**  
8 **organization or other health care provider organization, coordinated care organization,**  
9 **business organization, insurer or other organization that credentials health care practition-**  
10 **ers.**

11 **“(3) ‘Health care practitioner’ means an individual authorized to practice a profession**  
12 **related to the provision of health care services in this state for which the individual must**  
13 **be credentialed.**

14 **“(4) ‘Health care regulatory board’ means a board or other agency that authorizes indi-**  
15 **viduals to practice a profession related to the provision of health care services for which the**  
16 **individual must be credentialed.**

17 **“SECTION 3. (1)(a) The Oregon Health Authority, in consultation with the advisory work**  
18 **group convened under section 7 of this 2013 Act, shall establish a program for the purpose**  
19 **of providing to a credentialing organization access to information that is necessary to cre-**  
20 **den-tial or recreden-tial a health care practitioner.**

21 **“(b) To fulfill the requirements of this subsection, the authority shall establish and op-**  
22 **erate an electronic system through which credentialing information may be submitted to an**  
23 **electronic database and accessed. The system must operate and be accessible by creden-tial-**  
24 **ing organizations, health care practitioners and health care regulatory boards 24 hours a day,**  
25 **seven days a week. The authority may contract with a private entity to ensure the effective**  
26 **establishment and operation of the system.**

27 **“(c) To the greatest extent practicable, the electronic system shall use the most acces-**  
28 **sible and current technology available.**

29 **“(2) In consultation with the advisory work group convened under section 7 of this 2013**  
30 **Act, the authority shall adopt rules for the operation of the electronic system, including:**

31 **“(a) Identification of the type of information that is necessary to credential or recre-**  
32 **den-tial each type of health care practitioner;**

33 **“(b) Processes by which a health care practitioner or health care regulatory board sub-**  
34 **mits credentialing information to the authority or an entity that has entered into a contract**  
35 **with the authority under subsection (1)(b) of this section;**

1       “(c) Processes, as required by recognized state and national credentialing standards, by  
2 which credentialing information submitted under section 4 of this 2013 Act is verified;

3       “(d) Processes by which a credentialing organization, health care practitioner or health  
4 care regulatory board may electronically access the database;

5       “(e) Processes by which a health care practitioner may attest that the credentialing in-  
6 formation in the electronic database is current;

7       “(f) The purposes for which credentialing information accessed by a credentialing organ-  
8 ization or health care regulatory board may be used; and

9       “(g) The imposition of fees, not to exceed the cost of administering sections 2 to 7 of this  
10 2013 Act, on health care practitioners who submit credentialing information to the database  
11 and credentialing organizations that access the database.

12       “(3) All information, except for general information used for directories, as defined by the  
13 authority by rule, that is received, kept and maintained in the database under this section  
14 is exempt from public disclosure under ORS 192.410 to 192.505.

15       “SECTION 4. (1)(a) As a condition of being authorized to practice a profession in this  
16 state, a health care practitioner or designee must submit to the Oregon Health Authority,  
17 an entity that has entered into a contract with the authority under section 3 (1)(b) of this  
18 2013 Act or a health care regulatory board the credentialing information identified by the  
19 authority under section 3 (2)(a) of this 2013 Act.

20       “(b) A health care practitioner that, in good faith, submits credentialing information  
21 under this subsection is immune from civil liability that might otherwise be incurred or im-  
22 posed with respect to the submission of that credentialing information.

23       “(2) The authority may require a health care regulatory board, after consulting with the  
24 health care regulatory board, to provide or supplement the credentialing information identi-  
25 fied by the authority under section 3 (2)(a) of this 2013 Act.

26       “(3)(a) A credentialing organization shall obtain from the authority, or an entity that has  
27 entered into a contract with the authority under section 3 (1)(b) of this 2013 Act, the cre-  
28 dentialing information of the health care practitioner that is kept and maintained in the  
29 electronic database described in section 3 of this 2013 Act. A credentialing organization may  
30 not request credentialing information from a health care practitioner if the credentialing  
31 information is available through the database.

32       “(b) A credentialing organization that, in good faith, uses credentialing information pro-  
33 vided under this subsection for the purposes established by the authority under section 3  
34 (2)(e) of this 2013 Act is immune from civil liability that might otherwise be incurred or im-  
35 posed with respect to the use of that credentialing information.

36       “SECTION 5. A prepaid group practice health plan that serves at least 200,000 members  
37 in this state and that has been issued a certificate of authority by the Department of Con-  
38 sumer and Business Services may petition the Director of the Oregon Health Authority to  
39 be exempt from the requirements of sections 2 to 7 of this 2013 Act. The director may award  
40 the petition if the director determines that subjecting the health plan to sections 2 to 7 of  
41 this 2013 Act is not cost-effective. If a petition is awarded under this section, the exemption  
42 also applies to any health care facilities and health care provider groups associated with the  
43 health plan.

44       “SECTION 6. The Director of the Oregon Health Authority shall adopt rules necessary  
45 for the administration of sections 2 to 7 of this 2013 Act.

1       **“SECTION 7.** At least once per year, the Oregon Health Authority shall convene an ad-  
2       visory group consisting of individuals who represent credentialing organizations, health care  
3       practitioners and health care regulatory boards to review and advise the authority on the  
4       implementation of sections 2 to 7 of this 2013 Act and on the standard credentialing appli-  
5       cation used in this state.

6       **“SECTION 8.** (1) To establish the electronic system described in section 3 of this 2013  
7       Act, the Oregon Health Authority shall issue a request for information to seek input from  
8       potential contractors on capabilities and cost structures associated with the scope of work  
9       required to establish and maintain the electronic system. The authority shall use the results  
10      of the request for information to create a formal request for proposals. No later than 150  
11      business days after the close of the request for information, the authority shall issue a  
12      formal request for proposals to establish and maintain the electronic system.

13      **“(2)** The authority may enter into a contract under section 3 (1)(b) of this 2013 Act with  
14      a private entity only if the private entity:

15      **“(a)** Can demonstrate appropriate technical, analytical and clinical knowledge and expe-  
16      rience to carry out the duties prescribed by section 3 of this 2013 Act; or

17      **“(b)** Has a contract, or will enter into a contract, with another entity that meets the  
18      criteria described in this subsection.

19      **“SECTION 9.** The Oregon Health Authority shall report on the implementation of the  
20      electronic system described in section 3 (1) of this 2013 Act and on the development of rules  
21      to be adopted under section 3 (2) of this 2013 Act to:

22      **“(1)** The interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health no later than  
23      October 1, 2014; and

24      **“(2)** The Legislative Assembly in the manner required by ORS 192.245:

25      **“(a)** On or before February 1, 2014; and

26      **“(b)** On or before February 1, 2015.

27      **“SECTION 10.** Sections 8 and 9 of this 2013 Act are repealed on the date of the convening  
28      of the 2016 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.

29      **“SECTION 11.** (1) Sections 2 to 5 of this 2013 Act become operative on January 1, 2016.

30      **“(2)** The Oregon Health Authority may take any action necessary before the operative  
31      date specified in subsection (1) of this section to enable the authority to exercise, on and  
32      after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all the duties, functions  
33      and powers conferred on the authority by sections 2 to 5 of this 2013 Act.”.