

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2902**

1 Delete lines 5 through 19 of the printed bill and insert:

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

3 “743A.036. (1) Whenever any policy of health insurance provides for re-
4 imbursement for any service which is within the lawful scope of practice of
5 a [*duly licensed and*] certified nurse practitioner, including prescribing or
6 dispensing drugs, the insured under the policy is entitled to reimbursement
7 for such service whether it is performed by a physician licensed by the
8 Oregon Medical Board or by a [*duly licensed*] **certified** nurse practitioner.

9 **“(2) A health insurer that, on or after January 1, 2009, reduced the**
10 **reimbursement rates that it pays for services performed by certified**
11 **nurse practitioners to be below the rates paid before January 1, 2009,**
12 **shall file with the Department of Consumer and Business Services, in**
13 **the form and manner prescribed by the department, a justification for**
14 **the reduction in rates. The department shall approve or disapprove the**
15 **justification according to criteria prescribed by the department by**
16 **rule. If the department disapproves the justification filed by an**
17 **insurer, the insurer shall increase the reimbursement rates that it**
18 **pays for services performed by certified nurse practitioners to rates**
19 **that are equal to or above the highest rates paid prior to January 1,**
20 **2009.**

21 “[2] **(3)** This section does not apply to group practice health mainte-
22 nance organizations that are federally qualified pursuant to Title XIII of the

1 Health Maintenance Organization Act.”.

2 In line 22, delete “physician assistants or”.

3 In line 25, delete “physician assistants or”.

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