



HB2570

Ensuring Patient Safety / Pain Management for Outpatient Procedures

Background:

During the early 1990's, medical technology progressed and resulting clinical improvements enabled more numerous and complex surgical procedures to be performed safely on an outpatient basis. Most states approved these procedures in "outpatient" or "ambulatory" surgery centers but also imposed a 23 hour limitation on the duration of the stay. For the vast majority of patients, that is more than sufficient. In some limited circumstances, flexibility is needed to allow patients longer recovery time either for patient safety or for pain management. Several states have now moved to extend the period of time allowed to up to 72 hours. Colorado is one such state that has moved in this direction.

There are many examples of states moving to allow extended recovery care services to be provided at a Convalescent Center after treatment at an ASC for factors including patient safety, pain management, better health outcomes as well as patient and physician choice. In some states, various private insurers are presently reimbursing CC facilities for overnight stays, at a substantial cost savings when compared with care provided elsewhere.

Proposal:

Direct the Oregon Health Authority to open a public rule making process and establish a licensed system that would allow for extended stays in an "extended stay recovery center" following outpatient treatment in certain instances where a patient needs additional care for patient safety, pain management or other factors.

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