

# SUPPORT HB 2028

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## HB 2028 IS CONSISTENT WITH OREGON HEALTHCARE TRANSFORMATION AND COORDINATED CARE ORGANIZATION LEGISLATION

- HB 2028 provides healthcare teams an essential tool that allows them to use the pharmacist's unique expertise most effectively.
- Providing opportunity for each healthcare provider in the healthcare team to work at the top of their license allows for the most cost effective delivery of high quality care.
- Utilizing pharmacists, the most accessible healthcare providers, as physician 'extenders' in medication management will expand delivery of high quality care to the greatest number of patients.

## PHYSICIANS OR PHYSICIAN GROUPS WILL DEFINE PROTOCOLS OR GUIDELINES FOR MANAGEMENT OF MEDICATIONS TO TREAT DISEASES

- Pharmacists can safely and effectively provide the care to patients with chronic therapy under Clinical Pharmacy Agreements.
- Pharmacists can be readily authorized, individually or across a network, to provide clinical pharmacy services, utilizing the defined protocols and guidelines by the physician or physician groups.
- Patient drug therapy will be effectively managed in their communities in real time; reserving utilization of physicians for diagnosis, complex disease management, and high acuity patients.

## PHARMACISTS CAN FILL IN THE GAP IN AVAILABLE PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS TO CARE FOR OREGON MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES

- There are not enough primary care physicians in Oregon to care for the over 200,000 new eligible Medicaid patients.
- Pharmacists, the experts in medications and medication management, can extend high quality care to a greater number of patients.
- Adjustments in drug therapy, utilizing defined protocols and guidelines, can be implemented immediately by pharmacists in community healthcare settings.
- Effective monitoring of drug efficacy, side effects, and adherence to therapy in the patients community will optimize therapy at lower cost.
- Each interaction with a pharmacist is an opportunity to immediately evaluate and, if necessary, triage patients to other healthcare providers in a timely manner.
- Pharmacists can also provide safe and effective monitoring of prescription drugs, providing appropriate refills and continuation of therapy, while tracking compliance and keeping the prescribing physician updated as to the current status of the medication therapy.

## HB 2028 WILL ALLOW FOR QUALITY HEALTHCARE BENEFITS, GAINED THROUGH THE USE OF MEDICATION EXPERTS TO MANAGE DRUG THERAPY, TO BE EXPANDED TO ALL OREGONIANS.

- As noted in a 2011 report to the U.S. Surgeon General, many research studies have shown that integrating Clinical Pharmacy Services into patient care teams leads to favorable outcomes across the continuum of care by reducing hospitalizations, ED visits and adverse drug events.
- The 2011 Surgeon General report identified an overall average return on investment (ROI) of \$10.07 for each dollar invested in pharmacy services.
- The Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative indicates the ROI for pharmacist managed protocols as part of the care team as high as 12:1 by maximizing outcomes, reducing the use of unnecessary or inappropriate medications, ED admissions and physician visits.

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## EXPANDING PATIENT ACCESS AND PROVIDING VALUE, CLINICAL PHARMACY SERVICES KEY COMPONENTS OF HB 2028

### **Statewide Protocol Expansion**

- One of the major goals of HB 2028 is to expand on the success of the statewide immunization protocols. A Revision of ORS 689.645 could foster other potential statewide protocols to be developed that would allow pharmacists to assist in the public health of such things as Smoking Cessation, Travel Medications or other pharmacotherapy indications as approved by the Oregon Health Authority.

### **Pharmacist Provider Status**

- Oregon is one of only 18 states that do not formally recognize pharmacists as providers in state statute.
- Provider status designation in Oregon's health insurance statute will allow CCOs, health care organizations and insurers to reimburse pharmacists for clinical pharmacy services.
- While not an insurance mandate, by clarifying that pharmacists are recognized providers with regard to clinical pharmacy services, CCO, health care organizations and patients' payers can take advantage of the associated cost savings and patient care outcomes.

### **New Statute for Clinical Pharmacy Services**

The goal of the new statute is to provide new, more progressive, collaborative language that will allow pharmacists, pharmacies or groups of pharmacies to enter into clinical pharmacy service agreements with Payers, CCO's, ACO's, Health Systems, Provider Groups or any other entity as they wish to aid in patient care outcomes around medication management services.

The critical role of pharmacies in contemporary healthcare teams has been highlighted in recent reports from the U.S. Surgeon General's Office and the National Governors Association.