

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) set standards for coordinated care organizations (CCOs) to integrate delivery of mental health services with physical health services. Defines “integrated behavioral health care.” Permits use of appropriate billing codes by mental health providers at integrated locations. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

-A6 amendment: Replaces original measure. Establishes behavioral health homes to be used by coordinated care organizations (CCOs). Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) set standards for achieving integration of behavioral and physical health services in patient-centered primary care homes and behavioral health homes via rulemaking. Permits use of applicable billing codes by providers in patient-centered primary care homes and behavioral health homes. Creates necessary definitions, including "integrated behavioral health care" and "behavioral health home." Declares emergency, effective on passage.

BACKGROUND: A coordinated care organization (CCO) is a network of all types of health care providers (physical health care, addictions and mental health care and sometimes dental care providers) who have agreed to work together in their local communities to serve people who receive health care coverage under the Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid). CCOs are focused on prevention and helping people manage chronic conditions, like diabetes which helps reduce unnecessary emergency room visits and gives people support to be healthy. Today, there are 16 CCOs operating in communities around Oregon.

The CCOs are local entities that have one budget that grows at a fixed rate for mental, physical and dental care. They are accountable for the health outcomes of their population and are governed by a partnership among health care providers, community members and stakeholders.

Senate Bill 832-A requires standards be established by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for CCOs to integrate delivery of mental health services with physical health services.