

## **Senate Bill 832**

### *Integration of mental health and physical health services*

Senate Bill 832 would pave the way for Oregon's communities to integrate mental health and physical health services where the patient presents for service—fulfilling the promise of real time care in patient centered primary care homes and behavioral health homes.

- Defines the “Behavioral Health Clinician” that can independently provide care within these settings
- Defines a “Behavioral Health Home” as “**a mental health disorder or substance use disorder treatment organization, as defined by the Oregon Health Authority by rule, that provides integrated health care to individuals whose primary diagnoses are mental health disorders or substance use disorders.**”
- Defines “Integrated Care” as “**care provided to individuals and their families in a patient centered primary care home or behavioral health home by licensed primary care clinicians, behavioral health clinicians and other care team members, working together to address one or more of the following:**”
  - **Mental illness.**
  - **Substance use disorders.**
  - **Health behaviors that contribute to chronic illness.**
  - **Life stressors and crises.**
  - **Developmental risks and conditions.**
  - **Stress-related physical symptoms.**
  - **Preventive care.**
  - **Ineffective patterns of health care utilization.**
- Outlines the other Care Team Members who are critical to supporting the provision of integrated care
- **No wrong door for care:** Allows patient-centered primary care homes (as defined by the OHA) to bill for mental health services provided in primary care and urgent care settings, and allows behavioral health homes to bill for primary care services
- **No wrong code for care:** Allows providers to use the appropriate physical, mental health or health and behavior code as the situation warrants, regardless of setting;

**SB 832 is the beginning of bidirectional integration across the health system, increasing access to behavioral health care at the point where the patient presents.**

**Please support SB 832, and make integrated health care accessible just in time, at the right place where the patient is!**



