



From the Office of Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward:

VOTE YES HB 2758

Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon

Protect Confidentiality in Insurance Communications

Confidentiality plays a fundamental role in ensuring everyone can access the healthcare services they need. Disclosure of information through insurance communications creates barriers to health care.

Without protections for confidentiality, individuals are effectively uninsured and may not seek care they need for fear of someone else receiving their medical information.

Unwanted disclosure of health information through insurance communications affects all people enrolled as a dependent in a health plan, especially minors and young adults insured on their parents' plan, survivors of domestic abuse and individuals seeking mental health care, substance abuse treatment and other sensitive services.

CURRENTLY, ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE IS UNDERMINED

Access to critical healthcare services is undermined by the practice of sending details of a person's health visit to the policyholder instead of the patient themselves.

HB 2758 will allow patients to request that insurance carriers **send communications directly to the member receiving services**, not the primary policyholder.

SAFETY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

HB 2758 affects only insurance communications that follow a visit and therefore has no impact on what services can be provided to minors. Healthcare decisions should continue to be made by patients with the counsel of their healthcare providers – not by politicians.

Strong protections around confidentiality will ensure that all plan members can access the health care they need – leading to healthier people, healthier families and a healthier Oregon.



VOTE YES to stop the dangerous trend of Oregonians forgoing health care and treatment out of fear.