

**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**MEASURE: HB 2234 A
CARRIER: Rep. Whisnant
Rep. Barton**

House Committee On Health Care

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/06/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 02/06, 03/02, 03/06

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Buehler, Clem, Greenlick, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Nosse, Weidner

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and health benefit plans provide reimbursement or payment to the community assessment center to bill for child abuse medical assessments and related services.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Background on critical assessment and intervention services
- Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Account
- Role of Child Abuse Intervention Centers
- Partnerships with child protective services, law enforcement and healthcare providers
- Increasing demand for services
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Clarifies reimbursement and payment terms.

BACKGROUND:

Each year, hundreds of thousands of children experience abuse or neglect in the U.S. An understanding of the risk factors and strategies for screening can help professionals working with children and families identify the different types of maltreatment and high-risk situations.

The Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers (CAICs) provides assessment and intervention services and reports that there are 21 centers across the state that serve over 6,000 children annually.

House Bill 2234-A requires OHA and private health insurance plans to provide payment to or reimburse of the community assessment centers for services provided to a child in conducting a child abuse medical assessment.