

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/15/15

Action: Without Recommendation As To Passage And Be Referred To Rules.

Meeting Dates: 04/01, 04/15

Vote:

Yeas: 6 - Clem, Greenlick, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Nosse

Nays: 3 - Buehler, Hayden, Weidner

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires primary care physicians to serve specified percentage of medical assistance recipients in order to contract with Public Employees' Benefit Board or the Oregon Educators Benefit Board to provide medical care. Requires the Oregon Health Authority to calculate percentage for each county and report information to the boards.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Inconsistent reimbursement rates
- Top, middle and low scale rates
- Competition to serve the top reimbursement clients
- Providers faced with deciding to accept Medicare or Medicaid, but not both
- Expansion of Medicaid population with Affordable Care Act

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

According to a recent *Forbes* article, for 2015, providers accepting Medicare patients could see an average reduction of 21.2 percent in reimbursement rates and primary care physicians still accepting Medicaid patients could see an average reduction of 42.8 percent in reimbursement rates.