

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/17/15

Action: Do Pass. Refer To Ways And Means.

Meeting Dates: 04/13, 04/17

Vote:

Yeas: 7 - Buehler, Greenlick, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Nosse

Nays: 1 - Weidner

Exc: 1 - Clem

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Health Authority to adopt rules establishing criteria relating to the specified period of time to obtain dentures, to allow partial denture to be replaced at least once every five years; and to have a tooth extraction without having an acute infection or abscess.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Access for medical assistance clients
- Dental health issues being treated in hospital emergency rooms

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

State policies vary relating to the coverage of dentures for adults. Some states don't cover dentures at all, some set an annual monetary cap on payment, some limit coverage to one set of dentures every five or ten years, others limiting coverage to certain populations and still others limiting coverage to conditions associated with trauma or disease. Coverage of partial dentures is generally limited by the number of teeth remaining in the beneficiary's mouth. It is typical that dentures will only be replaced if they cannot be repaired or relined to fit properly.