

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Health Care

MEASURE: HB 3378 A
CARRIER: Rep. Greenlick

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/20/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 04/06, 04/20

Vote:

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires hospitals to adopt written discharge policies. Modifies definition of lay caregiver. Specifies topics to be included in the discharge policy, that patient and lay caregiver are provided instruction or training prior to discharge, and that the hospital notify the lay caregiver of the patient's discharge. Specifies policy requirements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Lay caregivers increasing
- Family caregivers critical part of patient's health care team
- Family and lay caregivers medical tasks expanding
- Caregivers and hospital relationship
- Current barriers and concerns
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Modifies definition of lay caregiver. Specifies topics to be included in the discharge policy, that patient and lay caregiver are provided instruction or training prior to discharge, and that the hospital notify the lay caregiver of the patient's discharge.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, about half of all family and other lay caregivers perform medical or nursing tasks such as wound care, medication management and injections for family members in a non-hospital environment. Most patients do not receive a home visit by a health care professional after being discharged from a hospital.

House Bill 3378-A requires hospitals to adopt written discharge policies to help patients and their caregivers transition from the hospital to the home.