

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Senate Committee On Human Services and Early Childhood****Fiscal:** No Fiscal Impact**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 04/21/15**Action:** Without Recommendation As To Passage, But W/Amendments And Requesting Referral To Rules. (Printed A-Eng)**Meeting Dates:** 03/31, 04/21**Vote:**

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Replaces “county” with “community mental health program” and “community mental health program director” throughout statutes governing process to initiate commitment of persons with mental illness to align responsibility for payment of associated costs. Accounts for possibility of public or private entity under contract with Oregon Health Authority to provide mental health programs. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Accounts for possibility of public or private entity under contract with Oregon Health Authority to provide mental health programs, in alignment of responsibility for payment of commitment costs. Restores reference to “county” rather than “community mental health program” at ORS 426.310, governing responsibility for costs of commitment of resident of another county. Makes other minor corrections and conforming changes.

BACKGROUND:

Current statutes that establish responsibility for payment of costs associated with commitment processes make references that may no longer be current or uniform among counties, since the creation of coordinated care organizations (CCOs) as part of the continuing health care transformation in Oregon.

A CCO is a network of all types of health care providers (physical health care, addictions and mental health care and sometimes dental care providers) who have agreed to work together in their local communities to serve people who receive health care coverage under the Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid). CCOs are focused on prevention and helping people manage chronic conditions, like diabetes which helps reduce unnecessary emergency room visits and gives people support to be healthy. Today, there are 16 CCOs operating in communities around Oregon.

The CCOs are local entities that have one budget that grows at a fixed rate for mental, physical and dental care. They are accountable for the health outcomes of their population and are governed by a partnership among health care providers, community members, and stakeholders.

Senate Bill 465-A replaces “county” with “community mental health program” and “community mental health program director” throughout the statutory scheme that governs the process to initiate commitment of persons with mental illness to align responsibility for the payment of associated costs, and accounts for the possibility that a public or private entity may be under contract with Oregon Health Authority to provide mental health programs.