

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Senate Committee On Human Services and Early Childhood****Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 04/21/15**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments And Requesting Referral To Rules. (Printed A-Engrossed.)**Meeting Dates:** 03/24, 04/21**Vote:**

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Olsen

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) set standards for coordinated care organizations (CCOs) to integrate delivery of mental health services with physical health services. Defines “integrated behavioral health care.” Permits use of appropriate billing codes by mental health providers at integrated locations. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of health care for whole person: physical, emotional, and mental
- Shift to normalize modern definition of health care to mean both physical and emotional/mental

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Deletes appropriation to Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and grant-making authority. Defines Behavioral Health Clinician. Adds to list of health issues to be addressed by care teams. Deletes quality measure. Deletes language requiring coordinated care organizations (CCOs) to offer access to mental health providers, prohibiting restrictions on access, and requiring services at one location. Makes other minor adjustments and conforming changes.

BACKGROUND:

A coordinated care organization (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 832-A requires standards be established by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for CCOs to integrate delivery of mental health services with physical health services.