

# Enrolled House Bill 2024

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AN ACT

Relating to basic preventive dental services; and declaring an emergency.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

**(a) “Dental provider” means a licensed dentist, dental hygienist or other dental practitioner or a dental care team or clinic that provides the following core services:**

- (A) Comprehensive dental care;**
- (B) Basic preventive dental services;**
- (C) Referral to dental specialists; and**
- (D) Family centered dental care.**

**(b) “Health worker” means “traditional health worker” as defined by the Oregon Health Authority by rule.**

**(2) The Oregon Health Authority, in consultation with coordinated care organizations and dental care organizations in this state, shall adopt rules and procedures for the training and certification of health workers to provide oral disease prevention services and for the reimbursement of oral disease prevention services provided by certified health workers.**

**(3) The rules adopted under subsection (2) of this section must prescribe the training required for certification, including instruction on:**

- (a) The performance of dental risk assessments; and**
  - (b) The provision of oral disease prevention services.**
- (4) The authority shall adopt rules requiring that a certified health worker:**

- (a) Refer patients to dental providers; and**
- (b) Recommend to patients, or to the parent or legal guardian of a patient, that the patient visit a dental provider at least once annually.**

**SECTION 2. (1) Section 1 of this 2015 Act becomes operative on July 1, 2016.**

**(2) The Oregon Health Authority may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the authority to exercise, on or after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the authority by section 1 of this 2015 Act.**

**SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2015 Act applies to services provided on or after the operative date specified in section 2 of this 2015 Act.**

**SECTION 4. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

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