

**A-Engrossed  
House Bill 2024**

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Including House Amendments dated April 16

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**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Directs Oregon Health Authority, in consultation with [*Traditional Health Workers Commission and Oregon Board of Dentistry*] **coordinated care organizations and dental care organizations in this state**, to certify certain health workers to provide early childhood basic preventive dental services. Requires authority to reimburse certified health workers for services provided to medical assistance recipients. [*Exempts early childhood basic preventive dental services provided by certified health workers from prioritized list of health services.*] **Defines "dental home."**

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR 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 home" means 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" includes:**

(A) **A community health worker;**

(B) **A personal health navigator;**

(C) **A peer wellness specialist;**

(D) **A peer support specialist;**

(E) **A community dental health coordinator; and**

(F) **A doula.**

(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 basic preventive dental services to underserved children.**

(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;**

(b) **The provision of basic preventive dental services; and**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (c) The referral of patients to dental care providers.

2 (4) The authority shall adopt rules requiring that a certified health worker:

3 (a) Refer patients to dental homes as determined necessary by the health worker; and

4 (b) Recommend to patients, or to the parent or legal guardian of a patient, that the pa-  
5 tient receive at least one dental risk assessment each year.

6 (5) The authority shall reimburse the cost of basic preventive dental services provided  
7 to medical assistance recipients by a certified health worker, if the services are within the  
8 scope of the health worker's certification under this section.

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

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

14 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this 2015 Act applies to services provided on or after the oper-  
15 ative date specified in section 2 of this 2015 Act.

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

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