

# B-Engrossed House Bill 2024

Ordered by the Senate June 9  
Including House Amendments dated April 16 and Senate Amendments  
dated June 9

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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 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. Defines "dental home."]*

**Directs Oregon Health Authority, in consultation with coordinated care organizations and dental care organizations, to adopt rules and procedures for training and certifying certain health workers to provide oral disease prevention services. Defines "dental provider."**  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to basic preventive dental services; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

5 (a) **"Dental provider" means a licensed dentist, dental hygienist or other dental practi-**  
6 **tioner or a dental care team or clinic that provides the following core services:**

7 (A) **Comprehensive dental care;**

8 (B) **Basic preventive dental services;**

9 (C) **Referral to dental specialists; and**

10 (D) **Family centered dental care.**

11 (b) **"Health worker" means "traditional health worker" as defined by the Oregon Health**  
12 **Authority by rule.**

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

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

19 (a) **The performance of dental risk assessments; and**

20 (b) **The provision of oral disease prevention services.**

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

22 (a) **Refer patients to dental providers; and**

23 (b) **Recommend to patients, or to the parent or legal guardian of a patient, that the pa-**

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1 **tient visit a dental provider at least once annually.**

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

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

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

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

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