House Bill 2024

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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 **as introduced.**

Directs Oregon Health Authority, in consultation with Traditional Health Workers Commission and Oregon Board of Dentistry, 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.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to basic preventive dental services; creating new provisions; amending ORS 414.710; and
3   declaring an emergency.
4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**
5   SECTION 1. **(1) As used in this section, "health worker" includes a:**
6   **(a) Community health worker;**
7   **(b) Personal health navigator;**
8   **(c) Peer wellness specialist;**
9   **(d) Community dental health coordinator; and**
10   **(e) Doula.**
11   **(2) The Oregon Health Authority, in consultation with the Traditional Health Workers**
12 **Commission and the Oregon Board of Dentistry, shall adopt rules and procedures for the**
13 **certification of health workers to provide early childhood basic preventive dental care ser-**
14 **vices to underserved children.**
15   **(3) The rules adopted under subsection (2) of this section must prescribe the training**
16 **required for certification, including instruction on:**
17   **(a) The performance of dental risk screenings;**
18   **(b) The application of fluoride varnish;**
19   **(c) The provision of community education on early childhood basic preventive dental care**
20 **services; and**
21   **(d) The referral of patients to dentists.**
22   **(4) The authority shall reimburse the cost of early childhood basic preventive dental care**
23 **services provided to medical assistance recipients by a certified health worker, if the services**
24 **are within the scope of the health worker's certification under this section.**
25   SECTION 2. **ORS 414.710 is amended to read:**
26   414.710. The following services are not subject to ORS 414.690:
27   (1) Nursing facilities, institutional and home- and community-based waivered services funded
28 through the Department of Human 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 (2) Services to children who are wards of the Department of Human Services by order of the

2 juvenile court and services to children and families for health care or mental health care through

3 the department**; and**

4 **(3) Early childhood basic preventive dental care services, including dental risk screenings**

5 **and fluoride varnish application, provided by community health workers, personal health**

6 **navigators, peer wellness specialists, community dental health coordinators or doulas certi-**

7 **fied under section 1 of this 2015 Act**.

8 SECTION 3. **(1) Section 1 of this 2015 Act and the amendments to ORS 414.710 by section**

9 **2 of this 2015 Act become operative on January 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 4. **Section 1 of this 2015 Act and the amendments to ORS 414.710 by section 2**

15 **of this 2015 Act apply to services provided on or after the operative date specified in section**

16 **3 of this 2015 Act.**

17 SECTION 5. **This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**

18 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**

19 **on its passage.**

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