

House Bill 3023

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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**.

Requires that referrals to dental specialists, of medical assistance recipients who are pregnant, occur within 60 days.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to referrals to dental specialists; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 414.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "dental specialist" means an individual certified by the Oregon Board of Dentistry as a specialist.

(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall ensure that a medical assistance recipient referred by the recipient's dentist to a dental specialist has the opportunity to be seen by the dental specialist no later than 60 days after the date of the referral if the recipient is pregnant on the date of the referral or becomes pregnant prior to an appointment with the dental specialist.

SECTION 3. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall adopt procedures to ensure that the authority collects and processes the information necessary to determine if the requirements of section 2 of this 2015 Act are met.

(2) No later than December 1, 2016, the authority shall report to the Legislative Assembly, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, on whether the wait times to be seen by a dental specialist for pregnant women referred to dental specialists are in accordance with section 2 of this 2015 Act.

SECTION 4. (1) Section 2 of this 2015 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2016.

(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary for the authority to implement the requirements of section 2 of this 2015 Act on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 5. Section 3 of this 2015 Act is repealed on January 2, 2017.

SECTION 6. 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.

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.