

# House Bill 3451

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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 Oregon Health Authority to reimburse freestanding birthing center based on median cost to birthing centers in this state of providing services.

Applies to claims for services provided on or after January 1, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to reimbursement paid to freestanding birthing centers; 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, "freestanding birthing center" has the meaning given that term in ORS 442.015.**

**(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall reimburse a freestanding birthing center for care provided to a medical assistance recipient in an amount equal to the median cost to birthing centers, in this state, of providing the service. The cost shall be calculated and adjusted annually.**

**(3) If a statewide association of birthing centers is formed in this state, the authority shall consult with the association in determining the reimbursement amount paid under subsection (2) of this section.**

**(4) The authority may require a freestanding birthing center to report information to the authority, in the form and manner prescribed by the authority, as necessary for the authority to calculate the reimbursement amount.**

**(5) Every five years, the authority shall report to the Legislative Assembly, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, the reimbursement amounts paid under this section.**

**SECTION 3. The Oregon Health Authority shall take all actions before the operative date specified in section 4 of this 2015 Act that are necessary to implement the provisions of section 2 of this 2015 Act with respect to claims for services provided on or after the operative date specified in section 4 of this 2015 Act.**

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

**(2) Section 2 of this 2015 Act applies to claims for services provided on or after January 1, 2016.**

**SECTION 5. 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.