

Enrolled Senate Bill 153

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to reimbursement of primary care services; amending ORS 743A.036.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 743A.036 is amended to read:

743A.036. (1) Whenever any policy of health insurance provides for reimbursement for a primary care or mental health service provided by a licensed physician, the insured under the policy is entitled to reimbursement for such service if provided by a licensed physician assistant or a certified nurse practitioner if the service is within the lawful scope of practice of the physician assistant or nurse practitioner.

(2)(a) The reimbursement of a service described in subsection (1) of this section that is provided by a licensed physician assistant or a certified nurse practitioner who is in an independent practice shall be in the same amount as the reimbursement paid under the policy to a licensed physician performing the service in the area served.

(b) As used in this subsection, "independent practice" means the *[provision of health care services to patients in a setting in which the]* licensed physician assistant or the certified nurse practitioner bills insurers for services *[identified by]* **provided by the physician assistant or nurse practitioner using the:**

(A) Diagnosis and procedure codes *[using the]* **applicable to the services;**

(B) Physician assistant's or nurse practitioner's own name; and

(C) National provider identifier[.] **for:**

(i) **The physician assistant or nurse practitioner; and**

(ii) **If required by the insurer, the facility in which the physician assistant or nurse practitioner provides the services.**

(3) This section does not apply to group practice health maintenance organizations that are federally qualified pursuant to Title XIII of the Health Maintenance Organization Act or other insurers that employ physicians, licensed physician assistants or certified nurse practitioners to provide primary care or mental health services and do not compensate such practitioners on a fee-for-service basis.

(4) An insurer may not reduce the reimbursement paid to a licensed physician in order to comply with this section.

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