

# Senate Bill 558

Sponsored by Senator GELSER

## SUMMARY

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Requires health benefit plan to reimburse cost of pharmacist consultation that meets specified criteria.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to pharmacists.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of the Insurance Code.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

6 (a) "Health benefit plan" has the meaning given that term in ORS 743.730.

7 (b) "Integrated health care delivery system" means a patient centered primary care  
8 home or a similar model of health care delivery in which each patient's health care is man-  
9 aged by a group of providers working together to provide comprehensive and integrated care.

10 (c) "Pharmacist" means a person licensed by the State Board of Pharmacy to engage in  
11 the practice of pharmacy.

12 (2) A health benefit plan that reimburses the cost of prescription drugs shall reimburse  
13 the cost of a pharmacist's consultation with a patient enrolled in the plan or the patient's  
14 physician if:

15 (a) The pharmacist is part of an integrated health care delivery system;

16 (b) The purpose of the consultation is to manage the patient's chronic condition; and

17 (c) The pharmacist is working under the direct supervision of a physician.

18 (3) This section is exempt from ORS 743A.001.

19 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2015 Act applies to health benefit plans issued or renewed**  
20 **on or after January 1, 2016.**

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**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.