

# Senate Bill 679

Sponsored by Senator BATES

## SUMMARY

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Creates Medicaid Management Information System Oversight Committee to monitor progress of improvements to Oregon's mechanized claim processing system for Medicaid claims. Specifies membership and powers.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to Oregon Health Authority information systems; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "Medicaid Management Information System" or**  
5 **"MMIS" means the mechanized claims processing and information retrieval system for the**  
6 **medical assistance program that is funded, in part, under 42 U.S.C. 1396b(a)(3).**

7 **(2) The Medicaid Management Information System Oversight Committee is created to**  
8 **monitor the progress of the Oregon Health Authority in implementing improvements to the**  
9 **MMIS. The committee consists of:**

10 **(a) The cochairpersons of the Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management**  
11 **and Technology.**

12 **(b) Three individuals, appointed by the State Chief Information Officer, who have exper-**  
13 **tise in information technology and are not affiliated with any of the vendors that have in-**  
14 **formation technology or systems contracts with the Oregon Health Authority.**

15 **(c) The Legislative Fiscal Officer or the officer's designee from the Legislative Fiscal**  
16 **Office.**

17 **(d) Three individuals, appointed by the Director of the Oregon Health Authority, who**  
18 **each represent a coordinated care organization that serves medical assistance recipients.**

19 **(3) The cochairpersons of the Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management**  
20 **and Technology shall be the cochairpersons of the MMIS Oversight Committee.**

21 **(4) The term of a legislative member of the committee shall expire on the date of the**  
22 **convening of the odd-numbered year regular session of the Legislative Assembly next fol-**  
23 **lowing the commencement of the member's term. The term of all other members shall be**  
24 **four years. Members of the committee may be reappointed. If a vacancy occurs on the**  
25 **committee for any reason during the term of membership, the President of the Senate, the**  
26 **Speaker of the House of Representatives or the official who appointed the member to the**  
27 **vacant position shall appoint a new member to serve the remainder of the term. A member**  
28 **of the committee may be removed from the committee at any time by the official who ap-**  
29 **pointed the member.**

30 **(5) The committee shall meet at such times and places as determined by the**

**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 **cochairpersons.**

2 **(6) A majority of the members of the committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction**  
3 **of business.**

4 **(7) Official action by the committee requires the approval of a majority of the members**  
5 **of the committee.**

6 **(8) Legislative members shall be entitled to payment of compensation and expense re-**  
7 **imbursement under ORS 171.072, payable from funds appropriated to the Legislative Admin-**  
8 **istration Committee.**

9 **(9) Members of the MMIS Oversight Committee who are not members of the Legislative**  
10 **Assembly are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary**  
11 **travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the**  
12 **manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing**  
13 **functions of the committee shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Legislative Ad-**  
14 **ministration Committee for purposes of the MMIS Oversight Committee.**

15 **(10) The committee may compel the testimony of witnesses and the production of docu-**  
16 **ments as necessary to carry out its duties.**

17 **(11) Notwithstanding ORS 192.630 and subject to the requirements of ORS 192.660, the**  
18 **committee may meet in executive session solely for the purpose of discussing information**  
19 **protected from disclosure as trade secrets under ORS 192.501.**

20 **(12) The Legislative Fiscal Office shall furnish to the committee such services of per-**  
21 **sonnel and such other facilities as are necessary to enable the committee to carry out its**  
22 **functions.**

23 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on January 2, 2020.**

24 **SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
25 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**  
26 **on its passage.**

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