

Senate Bill 892

Sponsored by Senator STEINER HAYWARD

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 adopt procedures to facilitate coordinated care organization assisting member of organization with renewal of eligibility for medical assistance.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to medical assistance; creating new provisions; amending ORS 411.400; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 411.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall adopt procedures to facilitate an**
7 **employee of or a provider participating in a coordinated care organization assisting a mem-**
8 **ber of the coordinated care organization in renewing the member's eligibility for medical**
9 **assistance. Any term or condition in a contract between the Oregon Health Authority and**
10 **a coordinated care organization that prohibits an employee of or a provider participating in**
11 **a coordinated care organization from assisting a member of the coordinated care organiza-**
12 **tion in renewing the member's eligibility for medical assistance is void as contrary to public**
13 **policy.**

14 **(2) An employee of or a provider participating in a coordinated care organization who is**
15 **providing application or renewal assistance may not:**

16 **(a) Provide assistance to an individual who is not a member of the coordinated care or-**
17 **ganization or who is a member of another coordinated care organization; or**

18 **(b) Attempt to influence a member of the coordinated care organization to enroll in the**
19 **coordinated care organization upon the renewal of the member's eligibility for medical as-**
20 **sistance.**

21 **SECTION 3. ORS 411.400 is amended to read:**

22 411.400. (1) An application for any category of aid shall also constitute an application for med-
23 ical assistance.

24 (2) Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, the Department of Human Services and
25 the Oregon Health Authority shall accept an application for medical assistance and any required
26 verification of eligibility from the applicant, an adult who is in the applicant's household or family,
27 an authorized representative of the applicant or, if the applicant is a minor or incapacitated, some-
28 one acting on behalf of the applicant:

29 (a) Over the Internet;

30 (b) By telephone;

31 (c) By mail;

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 (d) In person; and

2 (e) Through other commonly available electronic means.

3 (3) The department and the authority may require an applicant or person acting on behalf of
4 an applicant to provide only the information necessary for the purpose of making an eligibility de-
5 termination or for a purpose directly connected to the administration of medical assistance or the
6 health insurance exchange.

7 (4) The department and the authority shall provide application and [recertification] **renewal** as-
8 sistance to individuals with disabilities, individuals with limited English proficiency, individuals
9 facing physical or geographic barriers and individuals seeking help with the application for medical
10 assistance or [recertification] **renewal** of eligibility for medical assistance:

11 (a) Over the Internet;

12 (b) By telephone; and

13 (c) In person.

14 (5)(a) The department and the authority shall promptly transfer information received under this
15 section to the Oregon Health Insurance Exchange Corporation as necessary for the corporation to
16 determine eligibility for the exchange, premium tax credits or cost-sharing reductions.

17 (b) The department shall promptly transfer information received under this section to the au-
18 thority for individuals who are eligible for medical assistance because they qualify for public as-
19 sistance.

20 (6) The department and the authority shall accept from the corporation an application and any
21 verification that was submitted to the corporation by an applicant or on behalf of an applicant for
22 the determination of eligibility for medical assistance.

23 **SECTION 4. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
24 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
25 **on its passage.**

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