

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 3427**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after the first semicolon delete the
2 rest of the line and delete line 3 and insert “and declaring an emergency.”.

3 Delete lines 5 through 29 and delete page 2 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, ‘insurer’ means a person**
5 **with a certificate of authority to transact insurance in this state that**
6 **offers a health benefit plan, as defined in ORS 743.730, excluding a**
7 **prepaid group practice health plan that contracts with a single group**
8 **of health care providers, predominantly on a prepaid, capitated basis,**
9 **to provide primary care and specialty care to individuals who are en-**
10 **rolled in the plan.**

11 **“(2) There is created the Task Force on Mental Health Care Re-**
12 **imbursement consisting of 16 members as follows:**

13 **“(a) Two members appointed by the President of the Senate from**
14 **among the members of the Senate, including one member from the**
15 **Democratic party and one member from the Republican party.**

16 **“(b) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Rep-**
17 **resentatives from among the members of the House of Represen-**
18 **tatives, including one member from the Democratic party and one**
19 **member from of the Republican party.**

20 **“(c) Twelve members appointed by the Governor as follows:**

21 **“(A) Two representatives of professional associations for licensed**
22 **clinical social workers;**

- 1 **“(B) Two representatives of insurers;**
- 2 **“(C) A representative of a coordinated care organization;**
- 3 **“(D) Two representatives of professional associations for profes-**
4 **sional counselors and licensed marriage and family therapists;**
- 5 **“(E) Two representatives of professional associations for psychol-**
6 **ogists;**
- 7 **“(F) A representative of hospitals;**
- 8 **“(G) A representative of a professional association for psychiatrists;**
9 **and**
- 10 **“(H) A representative of a professional association for physicians.**
- 11 **“(3) The task force shall study and make recommendations for a**
12 **payment structure for the reimbursement by insurers of licensed**
13 **clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors and licensed**
14 **marriage and family therapists, family physicians, psychiatrists and**
15 **psychologists. The payment structure must promote the maintenance**
16 **and expansion of the mental health care workforce in this state, en-**
17 **sure that all mental health practitioners are compensated fairly and**
18 **that Oregonians have access to mental health practitioners in the**
19 **context of state and federal requirements for mental health parity.**
- 20 **“(4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes**
21 **a quorum for the transaction of business.**
- 22 **“(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a**
23 **majority of the voting members of the task force.**
- 24 **“(6) The Governor shall select one member of the task force to**
25 **serve as chairperson and another to serve as vice chairperson, for the**
26 **terms and with the duties and powers necessary for the performance**
27 **of the functions of such offices as the Governor determines.**
- 28 **“(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority**
29 **shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.**
- 30 **“(8) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task**

1 force are nonvoting members of the task force and may act in an ad-
2 visory capacity only.

3 “(9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the
4 call of the chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the
5 task force.

6 “(10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation
7 of the task force.

8 “(11) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations
9 to the 2016 and 2017 regular sessions of the Legislative Assembly.

10 “(12) The staff of the Committee Services Office of the Legislative
11 Administration Committee shall provide administrative and technical
12 support to the task force.

13 “(13) Members of the task force who are not members of the Leg-
14 islative Assembly or public officials are not entitled to compensation,
15 but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other ex-
16 penses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in
17 the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for ex-
18 penses incurred in performing functions of the task force shall be paid
19 out of funds appropriated to the Legislative Administration Committee
20 for purposes of the task force.

21 “(14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111,
22 are directed to assist the task force in the performance of its duties
23 and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to
24 furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force
25 consider necessary to perform their duties.

26 “SECTION 2. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate
27 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is
28 declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.”.

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