

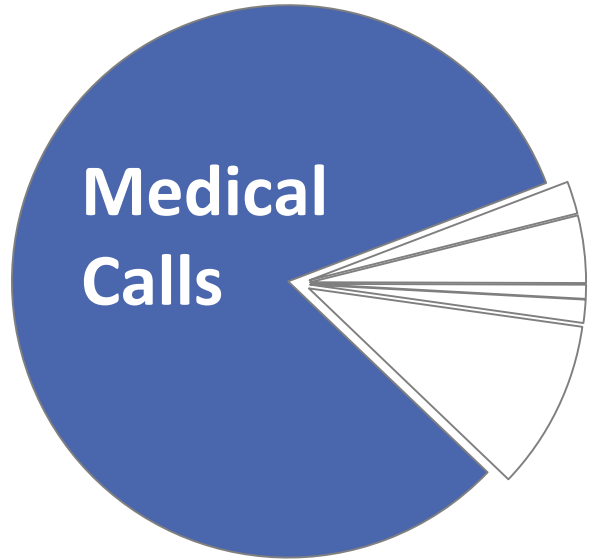
House Bill 4030

Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT)

EMS providers critical to Oregon's healthcare system



Growing Demand on the Public EMS System



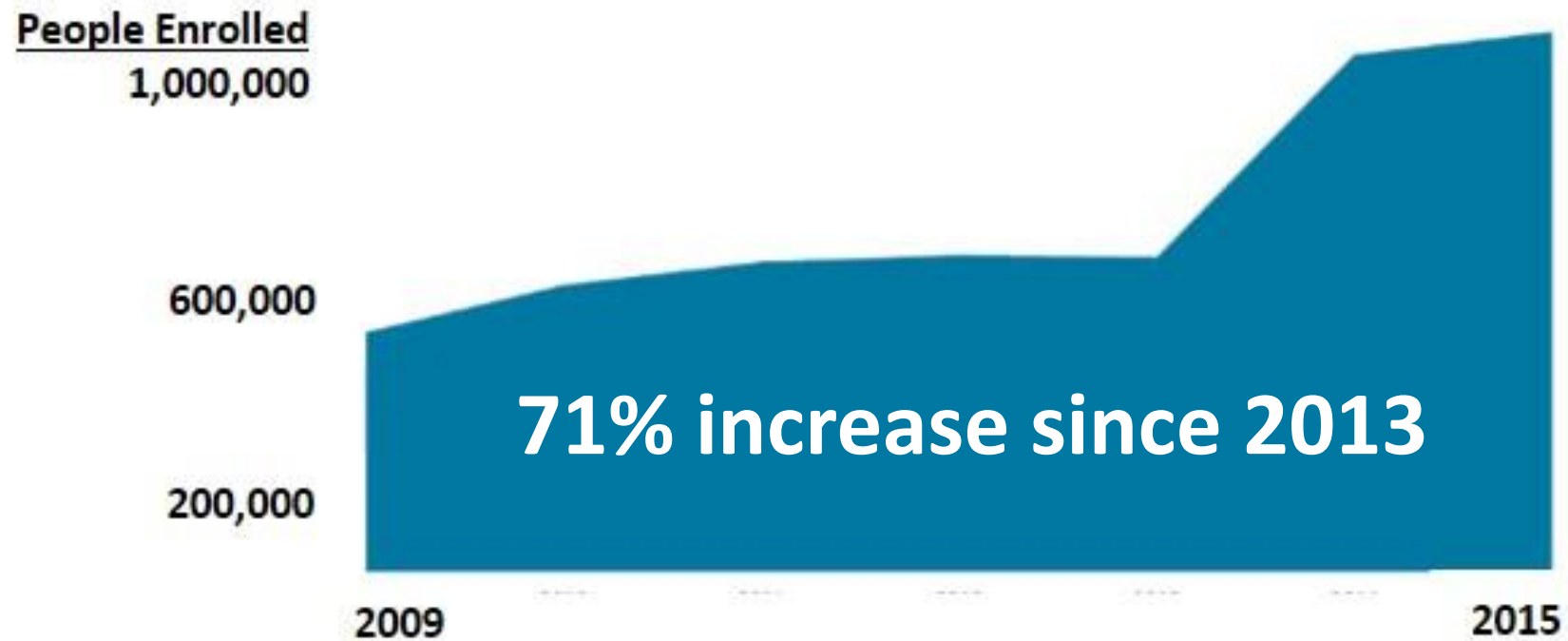
80% of fire department calls are medical in nature



Over 1 Million Oregonians now receive care through the Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid Program)

Medicaid Enrollment from 2009-2015

Source: OHA; Oregon's Health System Transformation: Annual Update



Medicaid Patients Rely on Oregon's EMS System

Sample of Medicaid Patients Treated | Transported by Public Providers in 2014

Oregon Public EMS Provider	Ambulance Transports	Medicaid Patients Treated Transported
Eugene Springfield Fire Department	19,070	4,777
Hermiston Fire & Emergency Services District	2,552	545
Redmond Fire & Rescue	2,821	360

Medicaid Reimbursement Below the Cost of Providing Service



**This transport rate is an average of the actual transport rate of the three fire departments previously highlighted.*

GEMT Can Help 'Fill the Gap'

- Draws funds from the federally-backed Medicaid entitlement program
- Allows public EMS providers the ability to collect a percentage (64%) of uncompensated costs



Potential Reimbursement = \$559

Potential GEMT Funds to Oregon

Preliminary annual benefit estimates...

Oregon's Public Transport Providers:	\$75 million
State of Oregon:	At least \$15 million

...with no increase in overall costs at the state or local levels

GEMT is Limited to Public Providers

In compliance with federal law and regulations, “Emergency medical services provider” or “provider” means an entity, owned or operated by local government, a state agency or a federally recognized Indian tribe, that employs or contracts with individuals who are licensed by the Oregon Health Authority under ORS chapter 682 to provide emergency medical services.



**Public-private partnerships allowable
with certain stipulations**

GEMT Legislation (House Bill 4030) Needed to Start the Process



If passed, allows Oregon's EMS system to work with the State to create a **State Plan Amendment (SPA)**.

Amendment Request Submitted for House Bill 4030

- Developed in conjunction with OHA and Oregon Fire Service.
- Directs OHA to convene a workgroup to:
 - Develop recommendations for aligning reimbursement for EMS with the intent and goals of the Oregon Integrated and Coordinated Care Delivery system through the mechanisms described in Section 2 and 3.
 - Develop a proposal that leverages new federal financial participation to:
 - Increase reimbursement for EMS
 - Advance the goals of Health System Transformation.
 - Report on the proposal during the 2017 Legislative Session and report on any review by federal CMS.
- Removes emergency clause and indicates implementation (based on approval by CMS) would not occur prior to July 1, 2017.

House Bill 4030 will...

- Help small rural areas have the potential to realize additional revenues to deliver emergency medical response,
- Position the fire service to continue to have an integral role in delivering timely, effective and appropriate medical services needed for Oregonians.