

HB 4030

Relating to medical assistance reimbursement of emergency medical services

On February 22nd, the Human Services Subcommittee voted to recommend passage of HB 4030.

HB 4030 requires the Oregon Health Authority to develop and implement two programs to better reimburse providers of emergency medical services and transportation. Providers who chose to participate would contribute funds that could then be leveraged with federal match, in order to provide the resources to increase rates.

In addition, the bill requires OHA to convene a workgroup to develop recommendations to align these programs with the goals of the Oregon Integrated and Coordinated Health care Delivery System, including metrics.

The fiscal impact of the bill is indeterminate. The agency has identified some specific costs for modification to its information technology system at about \$300,000 total funds. However, other costs are unknown until the details of the program are worked out and the number of participants is determined. The bill stipulates that General Fund moneys cannot be used for the new programs, and it is assumed that the revenues to run the programs will come from fees on providers who participate.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 4030 be reported out do pass.