

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3091 - A3

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Measure Description:

Requires coordinated care organizations and commercial health carriers to provide specific services to individuals experiencing behavioral health crises.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS)

Analysis:

House Bill 3091 with the - A3 amendment requires coordinated care organizations (CCOs) and commercial health carriers to provide specific services to individuals experiencing behavioral health crises, including behavioral health assessments, services that are medically necessary to transition the member to a lower level of care, and coordinated care and case management as defined by rule by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) in collaboration with the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS). The bill modifies statutes relating to health insurance reimbursement of claims for emergency services to include: (1) definitions of behavioral health assessment, behavioral health clinician, and behavioral health crisis; (2) behavioral health crisis on the list of emergency medical conditions; and (3) behavioral health assessment to the definition of emergency services.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

The fiscal impact of this bill on the Oregon Health Authority is indeterminate. Passage of this bill is anticipated to result in an increase in billing for crisis services. Also, if insufficient peer support specialists are available, OHA may be asked to fund contracts to provide these services. However, OHA cannot project future utilization at this time.

Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS)

The fiscal impact of this bill on DCBS is minimal. The bill requires DCBS to collaborate with OHA in the development of specific coordination of care services and case management services by administrative rule. DCBS will use existing staff and resources to perform this work.