

HB 3091 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Keny-Guyer

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 04/17/17

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Alonso Leon, Buehler, Greenlick, Hack, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Malstrom, Nosse

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines behavioral health assessment, behavioral health clinician and behavioral health crisis. Adds behavioral health crisis to list of emergency medical conditions and behavioral health assessment to list of emergency services.

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of insurer coverage of behavioral assessment and behavioral crises
- Oregon hospital emergency rooms are the front line for mental health issues
- Lack of transitional care for clients discharged from emergency room
- Different criteria for behavioral health clinicians between coordinated care organizations and commercial insurance carriers
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

In 2015, the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 2023, which directed hospitals to adopt and enforce discharge policies for individuals who have been hospitalized for mental health treatment. Additionally, the bill specified that the policies include: a signed (by the patient) disclosure authorization; risk of suicide assessment; long-term needs; needed community services; patient's capacity for self-care; a process to coordinate the patient's care and transition from the hospital setting to outpatient treatment; and the scheduling of a follow-up appointment for no later than seven days after discharge.