

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2340**

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**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Authorizes Department of Consumer and Business Services to permit insurer that discontinued offering health benefit plans in service area less than five years previously to resume offering health benefit plans in service area.

Reorganizes and updates references to statutes applicable to health care service contractors and multiple employer welfare arrangements.

**Repeals obsolete health insurance requirements.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to the applicability of statutes that pertain to health insurance; creating new provisions;  
3 amending ORS 192.556, 433.443, 742.001, 742.005, 743.402, 743B.012, 743B.104, 743B.126, 750.055  
4 and 750.333; and repealing ORS 743A.050, 743A.120, 743A.144, 743A.164 and 743A.184.

5 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

6 **SECTION 1. (1) ORS 731.097 and 731.098 are added to and made a part of ORS 731.004 to**  
7 **731.150.**

8 **(2) ORS 731.590, 731.592 and 731.594 are added to and made a part of ORS 731.574 to**  
9 **731.620.**

10 **(3) ORS 731.870 is added to and made a part of ORS 731.844 to 731.992.**

11 **SECTION 2. ORS 742.001 is amended to read:**

12 742.001. **Except as specifically provided in ORS 750.055 and 750.333,** this chapter and ORS  
13 chapters 743, 743A and 743B apply to all insurance policies delivered or issued for delivery in this  
14 state except:

15 (1) Reinsurance.

16 (2) Wet marine and transportation insurance policies.

17 (3) Surplus lines insurance policies.

18 **SECTION 3. ORS 743.402 is amended to read:**

19 743.402. [*Nothing in*] ORS 743.405 to 743.498[,] **and** 743A.160 [*and 743A.164 shall*] **do not** apply  
20 to or affect:

21 (1) Any workers' compensation insurance policy or any liability insurance policy with or without  
22 supplementary expense coverage therein;

23 (2) Any policy of reinsurance;

24 (3) Any blanket or group policy of insurance, **except as expressly provided in ORS 750.055;**

25 or

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (4) Any life insurance policy, or policy supplemental thereto which contains only such provisions  
2 relating to health insurance as:

3 (a) Provide additional benefits in case of death or dismemberment or loss of sight by accident;  
4 or

5 (b) Operate to safeguard such policy against lapse, or to give a special surrender value or spe-  
6 cial benefit or an annuity in the event the insured shall become totally and permanently disabled,  
7 as defined by the policy or supplemental policy.

8 **SECTION 4.** ORS 743B.012 is amended to read:

9 743B.012. (1) As a condition of transacting business in the small employer health insurance  
10 market in this state, a carrier shall offer small employers all of the carrier's health benefit plans,  
11 approved by the Department of Consumer and Business Services for use in the small employer  
12 market, for which the small employer is eligible.

13 (2) A carrier shall issue to a small employer any health benefit plan that is offered by the car-  
14 rier if the small employer applies for the plan and agrees to make the required premium payments  
15 and to satisfy the other provisions of the health benefit plan.

16 (3) A multiple employer welfare arrangement, professional or trade association or other similar  
17 arrangement established or maintained to provide benefits to a particular trade, business, profession  
18 or industry or their subsidiaries may not issue coverage to a group or individual that is not in the  
19 same trade, business, profession or industry as that covered by the arrangement. The arrangement  
20 shall accept all groups and individuals in the same trade, business, profession or industry or their  
21 subsidiaries that apply for coverage under the arrangement and that meet the requirements for  
22 membership in the arrangement. For purposes of this subsection, the requirements for membership  
23 in an arrangement may not include any requirements that relate to the actual or expected health  
24 status of the prospective enrollee.

25 (4) A carrier shall, pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, accept applications from and offer  
26 coverage to a small employer group covered under an existing health benefit plan regardless of  
27 whether a prospective enrollee is excluded from coverage under the existing plan because of late  
28 enrollment. When a carrier accepts an application for a small employer group, the carrier may  
29 continue to exclude the prospective enrollee excluded from coverage by the replaced plan until the  
30 prospective enrollee would have become eligible for coverage under that replaced plan.

31 (5) A carrier is not required to accept applications from and offer coverage pursuant to sub-  
32 section (2) of this section if the department finds that acceptance of an application or applications  
33 would endanger the carrier's ability to fulfill its contractual obligations or result in financial  
34 impairment of the carrier.

35 (6) A carrier shall actively market all health benefit plans that are offered by the carrier to  
36 small employers in the geographical areas in which the carrier makes coverage available or provides  
37 benefits.

38 (7)(a) Subsection (2) of this section does not require a carrier to offer coverage to or accept  
39 applications from:

40 (A) A small employer if the small employer is not physically located in the carrier's approved  
41 service area;

42 (B) An employee of a small employer if the employee does not work or reside within the carrier's  
43 approved service areas; or

44 (C) Small employers located within an area where the carrier reasonably anticipates, and dem-  
45 onstrates to the department, that it will not have the capacity in its network of providers to deliver

1 services adequately to the enrollees of those small employer groups because of its obligations to  
 2 existing small employer group contract holders and enrollees.

3 (b) A carrier that does not offer coverage pursuant to paragraph (a)(C) of this subsection may  
 4 not offer coverage in the applicable service area to new employer groups other than small employers  
 5 until the carrier resumes enrolling groups of new small employers in the applicable area.

6 (8) For purposes of ORS 743B.010 to 743B.013, except as provided in this subsection, carriers  
 7 that are affiliated carriers or that are eligible to file a consolidated tax return pursuant to ORS  
 8 317.715 shall be treated as one carrier and any restrictions or limitations imposed by ORS 743B.010  
 9 to 743B.013 apply as if all health benefit plans delivered or issued for delivery to small employers  
 10 in this state by the affiliated carriers were issued by one carrier. However, any insurance company  
 11 or health maintenance organization that is an affiliate of a health care service contractor located  
 12 in this state, or any health maintenance organization located in this state that is an affiliate of an  
 13 insurance company or health care service contractor, may treat the health maintenance organization  
 14 as a separate carrier and each health maintenance organization that operates only one health  
 15 maintenance organization in a service area in this state may be considered a separate carrier.

16 (9) A carrier that elects to discontinue offering all of its health benefit plans to small employers  
 17 under ORS 743B.013 (3)(e) or elects to discontinue renewing all such plans is prohibited from offer-  
 18 ing health benefit plans to small employers in this state for a period of five years from [*one of the*  
 19 *following dates*]:

20 (a) The date of notice to the department pursuant to ORS 743B.013 (3)(e); or

21 (b) If notice is not provided under paragraph (a) of this subsection, [*from*] the date on which the  
 22 department provides notice to the carrier that the department has determined that the carrier has  
 23 effectively discontinued offering health benefit plans to small employers in this state.

24 **(10) The department may shorten the period of prohibition described in subsection (9) of**  
 25 **this section if necessary to ensure, in all geographic areas of this state, that:**

26 **(a) A competitive health insurance market exists;**

27 **(b) Small employers have a reasonable number of health insurance options available to**  
 28 **them; and**

29 **(c) Consumers who purchase insurance are protected.**

30 **SECTION 5.** ORS 743B.104 is amended to read:

31 743B.104. (1) Except in the case of a late enrollee and as otherwise provided in this section, a  
 32 carrier offering a group health benefit plan to a group of two or more prospective certificate holders  
 33 shall not decline to offer coverage to any eligible prospective enrollee and shall not impose different  
 34 terms or conditions on the coverage, premiums or contributions of any enrollee in the group that  
 35 are based on the actual or expected health status of the enrollee.

36 (2) A carrier that elects to discontinue offering all of its group health benefit plans under ORS  
 37 743B.105 (5)(e), elects to discontinue renewing all such plans or elects to discontinue offering and  
 38 renewing all such plans is prohibited from offering health benefit plans in the group market in this  
 39 state for a period of five years from [*one of the following dates*]:

40 (a) The date of notice to the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services  
 41 pursuant to ORS 743B.105 (5)(e); or

42 (b) If notice is not provided under paragraph (a) of this subsection, [*from*] the date on which the  
 43 director provides notice to the carrier that the director has determined that the carrier has effec-  
 44 tively discontinued offering group health benefit plans in this state.

45 **(3) The Department of Consumer and Business Services may shorten the period of pro-**

1 **hibition described in subsection (2) of this section if necessary to ensure, in all geographic**  
2 **areas of this state, that:**

3 **(a) A competitive health insurance market exists;**

4 **(b) Group purchasers have a reasonable number of health insurance options available to**  
5 **them; and**

6 **(c) Consumers who purchase insurance are protected.**

7 [(3)] (4) Subsection (1) of this section applies only to group health benefit plans that are not  
8 small employer health benefit plans.

9 [(4)] (5) Nothing in this section shall prohibit an employer from providing different group health  
10 benefit plans to various categories of employees as defined by the employer nor prohibit an employer  
11 from providing health benefit plans through different carriers so long as the employer's categories  
12 of employees are established in a manner that does not relate to the actual or expected health status  
13 of the employees or their dependents.

14 [(5)] (6) A multiple employer welfare arrangement, professional or trade association, or other  
15 similar arrangement established or maintained to provide benefits to a particular trade, business,  
16 profession or industry or their subsidiaries, shall not issue coverage to a group or individual that  
17 is not in the same trade, business, profession or industry or their subsidiaries as that covered by the  
18 arrangement. The arrangement shall accept all groups and individuals in the same trade, business,  
19 profession or industry or their subsidiaries that apply for coverage under the arrangement and that  
20 meet the requirements for membership in the arrangement. For purposes of this subsection, the re-  
21 quirements for membership in an arrangement shall not include any requirements that relate to the  
22 actual or expected health status of the prospective enrollee.

23 **SECTION 6.** ORS 743B.126 is amended to read:

24 743B.126. (1) Each carrier shall actively market all individual health benefit plans sold by the  
25 carrier that are not grandfathered health plans.

26 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, no carrier or insurance producer shall,  
27 directly or indirectly, discourage an individual from filing an application for coverage because of the  
28 health status, claims experience, occupation or geographic location of the individual.

29 (3) Subsection (2) of this section does not apply with respect to information provided by a carrier  
30 to an individual regarding the established geographic service area or a restricted network provision  
31 of a carrier.

32 (4) Rejection by a carrier of an application (4) for coverage shall be in writing and shall state the  
33 reason or reasons for the rejection.

34 (5) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services may establish by rule  
35 additional standards to provide for the fair marketing and broad availability of individual health  
36 benefit plans.

37 (6) A carrier that elects to discontinue offering all of its individual health benefit plans under  
38 ORS 743B.125 (4)(c) or to discontinue both offering and renewing all such plans is prohibited from  
39 offering and renewing health benefit plans in the individual market in this state for a period of five  
40 years from the date of notice to the director pursuant to ORS 743B.125 (4)(c) or, if such notice is  
41 not provided, from the date on which the director provides notice to the carrier that the director  
42 has determined that the carrier has effectively discontinued offering individual health benefit plans  
43 in this state. This subsection does not apply with respect to a health benefit plan discontinued in  
44 a specified service area by a carrier that covers services provided only by a particular organization  
45 of health care providers or only by health care providers who are under contract with the carrier.

1       **(7) The Department of Consumer and Business Services may shorten the period of pro-**  
2 **hibition described in subsection (6) of this section if necessary to ensure, in all geographic**  
3 **areas of this state, that:**

4       **(a) A competitive health insurance market exists;**

5       **(b) Consumers have a reasonable number of health insurance options available to them;**  
6 **and**

7       **(c) Consumers who purchase insurance are protected.**

8       **SECTION 7.** ORS 750.055, as amended by section 7, chapter 59, Oregon Laws 2015, is amended  
9 to read:

10       750.055. (1) The following provisions [*of the Insurance Code*] apply to health care service con-  
11 tractors to the extent not inconsistent with the express provisions of ORS 750.005 to 750.095:

12       (a) ORS 705.137, **705.138** and 705.139[.].

13       **(b) ORS 731.004 to 731.150, 731.162, 731.216 to 731.362, 731.382, 731.385, 731.386, 731.390, 731.398**  
14 **to 731.430, 731.428, 731.450, 731.454, 731.485, as provided in subsection (2) of this section, ORS**  
15 **731.488, 731.504, 731.508, 731.509, 731.510, 731.511, 731.512, 731.574 to 731.620, [731.592, 731.594,]**  
16 **731.640 to 731.652, 731.730, 731.731, 731.735, 731.737, 731.750, 731.752, 731.804, 731.808 and 731.844**  
17 **to 731.992[, 731.870 and 743A.252].**

18       **[***(b) ORS 731.485, except in the case of a group practice health maintenance organization that is*  
19 *federally qualified pursuant to Title XIII of the Public Health Service Act and that wholly owns and*  
20 *operates an in-house drug outlet.***]**

21       (c) ORS 732.215, 732.220, 732.230, 732.245, 732.250, 732.320, 732.325 and 732.517 to 732.592, not  
22 including ORS 732.582.

23       (d) ORS 733.010 to 733.050, 733.080, 733.140 to 733.170, 733.210, 733.510 to 733.680 and 733.695  
24 to 733.780.

25       (e) ORS [*chapter 734*] **734.014 to 734.440.**

26       (f) ORS 735.600 to 735.650.

27       (g) ORS 742.001 to 742.009, 742.013, **742.016**, 742.061, 742.065, 742.150 to 742.162[, *742.400, 742.520*  
28 *to 742.540,*] **and 742.518 to 742.542.**

29       **(h) ORS 743.004, 743.005, 743.007, 743.008, 743.010, 743.018, 743.019, 743.020, 743.022, 743.023,**  
30 **743.028, 743.029, 743.038, 743.040, 743.044, 743.050, 743.100 to 743.109, 743.402, 743.405, 743.406,**  
31 **743.417, 743.472, 743.492, 743.495, 743.498, 743.522, 743.523, 743.524, 743.526, 743.535, 743.550, 743.650**  
32 **to 743.656, 743.680 to 743.689, 743.788[.] and 743.790[.].**

33       **(i) ORS 743A.010, 743A.012, 743A.014, 743A.020, 743A.034, 743A.036, 743A.040, 743A.044,**  
34 **743A.048, 743A.051, 743A.052, 743A.058, 743A.060, 743A.062, 743A.063, 743A.064, 743A.065, 743A.066,**  
35 **743A.068, 743A.070, 743A.080, 743A.082, 743A.084, 743A.088, 743A.090, 743A.100, 743A.104, 743A.105,**  
36 **743A.108, 743A.110, 743A.124, 743A.140, 743A.141, [743A.144,] 743A.148, 743A.150, 743A.160,**  
37 **[743A.164,] 743A.168, 743A.170, 743A.175, [743A.184,] 743A.185, 743A.188, 743A.190, 743A.192,**  
38 **743A.250, 743A.252 and 743A.260 and section 2, chapter 771, Oregon Laws 2013.**

39       **(j) ORS 743B.001, 743B.003 to 743B.127, 743B.128, 743B.130, 743B.195 to 743B.206, 743B.220,**  
40 **743B.222, 743B.225, 743B.227, 743B.250, 743B.252, 743B.253, 743B.254, 743B.255, 743B.256, 743B.257,**  
41 **743B.258, 743B.280 to 743B.285, 743B.300, 743B.310, 743B.320, 743B.323, 743B.330, 743B.340,**  
42 **743B.341, 743B.342, 743B.343 to 743B.347, 743B.400, 743B.403, 743B.407, 743B.420, 743B.423, 743B.450,**  
43 **743B.451, 743B.452, 743B.453, 743B.470, 743B.475, 743B.505, [743B.540,] 743B.550, 743B.555,**  
44 **743B.601, 743B.602 and 743B.800 [and section 2, chapter 771, Oregon Laws 2013].**

45       **[***(h)***]** **(k)** The **following** provisions of ORS chapter 744 [*relating to the regulation of insurance*

1 *producers and third party administrators.]:*

2 **(A) ORS 744.001 to 744.009, 744.011, 744.013, 744.014, 744.018, 744.022 to 744.033, 744.037,**  
3 **744.052 to 744.089, 744.091 and 744.093, relating to the regulation of insurance producers;**

4 **(B) ORS 744.605, 744.609, 744.619, 744.621, 744.626, 744.631, 744.635, 744.650, 744.655 and**  
5 **744.665, relating to the regulation of insurance consultants; and**

6 **(C) ORS 744.700 to 744.740, relating to the regulation of third party administrators.**

7 *[(i)] (L) ORS 746.005 to 746.140, 746.160, 746.220 to 746.370, 746.600, 746.605, 746.607, 746.608,*  
8 *746.610, 746.615, 746.625, 746.635, 746.650, 746.655, 746.660, 746.668, 746.670, 746.675, 746.680 and*  
9 *746.690.*

10 *[(j) ORS 743A.024, except in the case of group practice health maintenance organizations that are*  
11 *federally qualified pursuant to Title XIII of the Public Health Service Act unless the patient is referred*  
12 *by a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner associated with a group practice health*  
13 *maintenance organization.]*

14 **(2) The following provisions of the Insurance Code apply to health care service contrac-**  
15 **tors except in the case of group practice health maintenance organizations that are federally**  
16 **qualified pursuant to Title XIII of the Public Health Service Act:**

17 **(a) ORS 731.485, if the group practice health maintenance organization wholly owns and**  
18 **operates an in-house drug outlet.**

19 **(b) ORS 743A.024, unless the patient is referred by a physician, physician assistant or**  
20 **nurse practitioner associated with a group practice health maintenance organization.**

21 *[(2)] (3) For the purposes of this section, health care service contractors shall be deemed*  
22 *insurers.*

23 *[(3)] (4) Any for-profit health care service contractor organized under the laws of any other state*  
24 *that is not governed by the insurance laws of the other state is subject to all requirements of ORS*  
25 *chapter 732.*

26 *[(4)] (5) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services may, after notice*  
27 *and hearing, adopt reasonable rules not inconsistent with this section and ORS 750.003, 750.005,*  
28 *750.025 and 750.045 that are deemed necessary for the proper administration of these provisions.*

29 **SECTION 8.** ORS 750.055, as amended by section 33, chapter 698, Oregon Laws 2013, section  
30 6, chapter 25, Oregon Laws 2014, section 81, chapter 45, Oregon Laws 2014, section 8, chapter 59,  
31 Oregon Laws 2015, section 6, chapter 100, Oregon Laws 2015, section 6, chapter 224, Oregon Laws  
32 2015, section 10, chapter 362, Oregon Laws 2015, section 9, chapter 470, Oregon Laws 2015, and  
33 section 29, chapter 515, Oregon Laws 2015, is amended to read:

34 750.055. (1) The following provisions *[of the Insurance Code]* apply to health care service con-  
35 tractors to the extent not inconsistent with the express provisions of ORS 750.005 to 750.095:

36 (a) ORS 705.137, **705.138** and 705.139[.].

37 **(b) ORS 731.004 to 731.150, 731.162, 731.216 to 731.362, 731.382, 731.385, 731.386, 731.390, 731.398**  
38 **to 731.430, 731.428, 731.450, 731.454, 731.485, as provided in subsection (2) of this section, ORS**  
39 **731.488, 731.504, 731.508, 731.509, 731.510, 731.511, 731.512, 731.574 to 731.620, [731.592, 731.594,]**  
40 **731.640 to 731.652, 731.730, 731.731, 731.735, 731.737, 731.750, 731.752, 731.804, 731.808 and 731.844**  
41 **to 731.992[, 731.870 and 743A.252].**

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43 *federally qualified pursuant to Title XIII of the Public Health Service Act and that wholly owns and*  
44 *operates an in-house drug outlet.]*

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1 including ORS 732.582.

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3 to 733.780.

4 (e) ORS [*chapter 734*] **734.014 to 734.440.**

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6 (g) ORS 742.001 to 742.009, 742.013, **742.016**, 742.061, 742.065, 742.150 to 742.162[, *742.400, 742.520*  
7 *to 742.540.*] **and 742.518 to 742.542.**

8 (h) **ORS 743.004, 743.005, 743.007**, 743.008, 743.010, 743.018, **743.019, 743.020**, 743.022, 743.023,  
9 743.028, 743.029, 743.038, 743.040, 743.044, 743.050, 743.100 to 743.109, 743.402, **743.405**, 743.406,  
10 743.417, 743.472, 743.492, 743.495, 743.498, 743.522, 743.523, 743.524, 743.526, 743.535, 743.550, 743.650  
11 to 743.656, 743.680 to 743.689, 743.788[,] **and 743.790[.]**.

12 (i) **ORS 743A.010, 743A.012, 743A.014**, 743A.020, 743A.034, 743A.036, **743A.040, 743A.044**,  
13 743A.048, 743A.051, **743A.052**, 743A.058, **743A.060**, 743A.062, **743A.063**, 743A.064, 743A.065, 743A.066,  
14 743A.068, 743A.070, 743A.080, 743A.082, 743A.084, 743A.088, 743A.090, 743A.100, 743A.104, 743A.105,  
15 **743A.108**, 743A.110, **743A.124**, 743A.140, 743A.141, [*743A.144,*] 743A.148, 743A.150, 743A.160,  
16 [*743A.164,*] 743A.168, 743A.170, 743A.175, [*743A.184,*] 743A.185, 743A.188, 743A.190, 743A.192,  
17 743A.250, **743A.252 and 743A.260 and section 2, chapter 771, Oregon Laws 2013.**

18 (j) **ORS 743B.001**, 743B.003 to 743B.127, **743B.128, 743B.130**, 743B.195 to 743B.206, 743B.220,  
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20 743B.258, **743B.280 to 743B.285**, 743B.300, 743B.310, 743B.320, 743B.323, 743B.330, 743B.340,  
21 743B.341, **743B.342**, 743B.343 to 743B.347, 743B.400, 743B.403, 743B.407, 743B.420, 743B.423, 743B.450,  
22 743B.451, 743B.452, 743B.453, 743B.470, 743B.475, 743B.505, [*743B.540,*] 743B.550, 743B.555,  
23 743B.601, **743B.602** and 743B.800 [*and section 2, chapter 771, Oregon Laws 2013*].

24 [(*h*)] (k) The **following** provisions of ORS chapter 744 [*relating to the regulation of insurance*  
25 *producers and third party administrators*.]:

26 (A) **ORS 744.001 to 744.009, 744.011, 744.013, 744.014, 744.018, 744.022 to 744.033, 744.037,**  
27 **744.052 to 744.089, 744.091 and 744.093, relating to the regulation of insurance producers;**

28 (B) **ORS 744.605, 744.609, 744.619, 744.621, 744.626, 744.631, 744.635, 744.650, 744.655 and**  
29 **744.665, relating to the regulation of insurance consultants; and**

30 (C) **ORS 744.700 to 744.740, relating to the regulation of third party administrators.**

31 [(*i*)] (L) ORS 746.005 to 746.140, 746.160, 746.220 to 746.370, 746.600, 746.605, 746.607, 746.608,  
32 746.610, 746.615, 746.625, 746.635, 746.650, 746.655, 746.660, 746.668, 746.670, 746.675, 746.680 and  
33 746.690.

34 [(*j*)] *ORS 743A.024, except in the case of group practice health maintenance organizations that are*  
35 *federally qualified pursuant to Title XIII of the Public Health Service Act unless the patient is referred*  
36 *by a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner associated with a group practice health*  
37 *maintenance organization.*]

38 (2) **The following provisions of the Insurance Code apply to health care service contrac-**  
39 **tors except in the case of group practice health maintenance organizations that are federally**  
40 **qualified pursuant to Title XIII of the Public Health Service Act:**

41 (a) **ORS 731.485, if the group practice health maintenance organization wholly owns and**  
42 **operates an in-house drug outlet.**

43 (b) **ORS 743A.024, unless the patient is referred by a physician, physician assistant or**  
44 **nurse practitioner associated with a group practice health maintenance organization.**

45 [(2)] (3) For the purposes of this section, health care service contractors shall be deemed

1 insurers.

2 [(3)] (4) Any for-profit health care service contractor organized under the laws of any other state  
3 that is not governed by the insurance laws of the other state is subject to all requirements of ORS  
4 chapter 732.

5 [(4)] (5) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services may, after notice  
6 and hearing, adopt reasonable rules not inconsistent with this section and ORS 750.003, 750.005,  
7 750.025 and 750.045 that are deemed necessary for the proper administration of these provisions.

8 **SECTION 9.** ORS 750.055, as amended by section 21, chapter 771, Oregon Laws 2013, section  
9 7, chapter 25, Oregon Laws 2014, section 82, chapter 45, Oregon Laws 2014, section 9, chapter 59,  
10 Oregon Laws 2015, section 7, chapter 100, Oregon Laws 2015, section 7, chapter 224, Oregon Laws  
11 2015, section 11, chapter 362, Oregon Laws 2015, section 10, chapter 470, Oregon Laws 2015, and  
12 section 30, chapter 515, Oregon Laws 2015, is amended to read:

13 750.055. (1) The following provisions [*of the Insurance Code*] apply to health care service con-  
14 tractors to the extent not inconsistent with the express provisions of ORS 750.005 to 750.095:

15 (a) ORS 705.137, **705.138 and 705.139**[,].

16 (b) **ORS 731.004 to 731.150, 731.162, 731.216 to 731.362, 731.382, 731.385, 731.386, 731.390, 731.398**  
17 **to 731.430, 731.428, 731.450, 731.454, 731.485, as provided in subsection (2) of this section, ORS**  
18 **731.488, 731.504, 731.508, 731.509, 731.510, 731.511, 731.512, 731.574 to 731.620, [731.592, 731.594,]**  
19 **731.640 to 731.652, 731.730, 731.731, 731.735, 731.737, 731.750, 731.752, 731.804, 731.808 and 731.844**  
20 **to 731.992 [, 731.870 and 743A.252].**

21 [(b) ORS 731.485, except in the case of a group practice health maintenance organization that is  
22 federally qualified pursuant to Title XIII of the Public Health Service Act and that wholly owns and  
23 operates an in-house drug outlet.]

24 (c) ORS 732.215, 732.220, 732.230, 732.245, 732.250, 732.320, 732.325 and 732.517 to 732.592, not  
25 including ORS 732.582.

26 (d) ORS 733.010 to 733.050, 733.080, 733.140 to 733.170, 733.210, 733.510 to 733.680 and 733.695  
27 to 733.780.

28 (e) ORS [*chapter 734*] **734.014 to 734.440.**

29 (f) ORS 735.600 to 735.650.

30 (g) ORS 742.001 to 742.009, 742.013, **742.016**, 742.061, 742.065, 742.150 to 742.162[, *742.400, 742.520*  
31 *to 742.540,*] **and 742.518 to 742.542.**

32 (h) **ORS 743.004, 743.005, 743.007**, 743.008, 743.010, 743.018, **743.019, 743.020**, 743.022, 743.023,  
33 743.028, 743.029, 743.038, 743.040, 743.044, 743.050, 743.100 to 743.109, 743.402, **743.405**, 743.406,  
34 743.417, 743.472, 743.492, 743.495, 743.498, 743.522, 743.523, 743.524, 743.526, 743.535, 743.550, 743.650  
35 to 743.656, 743.680 to 743.689, 743.788[,] **and 743.790**[,].

36 (i) **ORS 743A.010, 743A.012, 743A.014**, 743A.020, 743A.034, 743A.036, **743A.040, 743A.044**,  
37 743A.048, 743A.051, **743A.052**, 743A.058, **743A.060**, 743A.062, **743A.063**, 743A.064, 743A.065, 743A.066,  
38 743A.068, 743A.070, 743A.080, 743A.082, 743A.084, 743A.088, 743A.090, 743A.100, 743A.104, 743A.105,  
39 **743A.108**, 743A.110, **743A.124**, 743A.140, 743A.141, [743A.144,] 743A.148, 743A.150, 743A.160,  
40 [743A.164,] 743A.168, 743A.170, 743A.175, [743A.184,] 743A.185, 743A.188, 743A.190, 743A.192,  
41 743A.250, **743A.252 and 743A.260.**

42 (j) **ORS 743B.001**, 743B.003 to 743B.127, **743B.128, 743B.130**, 743B.195 to 743B.206, 743B.220,  
43 743B.222, 743B.225, 743B.227, 743B.250, 743B.252, 743B.253, 743B.254, 743B.255, 743B.256, 743B.257,  
44 743B.258, **743B.280 to 743B.285**, 743B.300, 743B.310, 743B.320, 743B.323, 743B.330, 743B.340,  
45 743B.341, **743B.342**, 743B.343 to 743B.347, 743B.400, 743B.403, 743B.407, 743B.420, 743B.423, 743B.450,



1 743B.451, 743B.452, 743B.453, 743B.470, 743B.475, 743B.505, [743B.540,] 743B.550, 743B.555,  
2 743B.601, **743B.602** and 743B.800.

3 [(h)] (k) The **following** provisions of ORS chapter 744 [relating to the regulation of insurance  
4 producers and third party administrators.]:

5 (A) **ORS 744.001 to 744.009, 744.011, 744.013, 744.014, 744.018, 744.022 to 744.033, 744.037,**  
6 **744.052 to 744.089, 744.091 and 744.093, relating to the regulation of insurance producers;**

7 (B) **ORS 744.605, 744.609, 744.619, 744.621, 744.626, 744.631, 744.635, 744.650, 744.655 and**  
8 **744.665, relating to the regulation of insurance consultants; and**

9 (C) **ORS 744.700 to 744.740, relating to the regulation of third party administrators.**

10 [(i)] (L) ORS 746.005 to 746.140, 746.160, 746.220 to 746.370, 746.600, 746.605, 746.607, 746.608,  
11 746.610, 746.615, 746.625, 746.635, 746.650, 746.655, 746.660, 746.668, 746.670, 746.675, 746.680 and  
12 746.690.

13 [(j) ORS 743A.024, except in the case of group practice health maintenance organizations that are  
14 federally qualified pursuant to Title XIII of the Public Health Service Act unless the patient is referred  
15 by a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner associated with a group practice health  
16 maintenance organization.]

17 (2) **The following provisions of the Insurance Code apply to health care service contrac-**  
18 **tors except in the case of group practice health maintenance organizations that are federally**  
19 **qualified pursuant to Title XIII of the Public Health Service Act:**

20 (a) **ORS 731.485, if the group practice health maintenance organization wholly owns and**  
21 **operates an in-house drug outlet.**

22 (b) **ORS 743A.024, unless the patient is referred by a physician, physician assistant or**  
23 **nurse practitioner associated with a group practice health maintenance organization.**

24 [(2)] (3) For the purposes of this section, health care service contractors shall be deemed  
25 insurers.

26 [(3)] (4) Any for-profit health care service contractor organized under the laws of any other state  
27 that is not governed by the insurance laws of the other state is subject to all requirements of ORS  
28 chapter 732.

29 [(4)] (5) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services may, after notice  
30 and hearing, adopt reasonable rules not inconsistent with this section and ORS 750.003, 750.005,  
31 750.025 and 750.045 that are deemed necessary for the proper administration of these provisions.

32 **SECTION 10.** ORS 750.333, as amended by section 10, chapter 59, Oregon Laws 2015, is  
33 amended to read:

34 750.333. (1) The following provisions [of the Insurance Code] apply to trusts carrying out a mul-  
35 tiple employer welfare arrangement:

36 (a) **ORS 705.137, 705.138 and 705.139.**

37 [(a)] (b) ORS 731.004 to 731.150, 731.162, 731.216 to 731.268, 731.296 to 731.316, 731.324, 731.328,  
38 731.378, 731.386, 731.390, 731.398, 731.406, 731.410, 731.414, 731.418 to 731.434, 731.454, 731.484,  
39 731.486, 731.488, 731.512, 731.574 to 731.620, 731.640 to 731.652, 731.804, **731.808 and 731.844** to  
40 731.992[, 743.029 and 743A.252].

41 [(b)] (c) ORS 733.010 to 733.050, 733.140 to 733.170, 733.210, 733.510 to 733.680 and 733.695 to  
42 733.780.

43 [(c)] (d) ORS [chapter 734] **734.014 to 734.440.**

44 [(d)] (e) ORS 742.001 to 742.009, 742.013, **742.016**, 742.061 and [742.400] **742.065.**

45 [(e)] (f) ORS 743.004, **743.005, 743.007**, 743.008, **743.010, 743.018, 743.020, 743.023**, 743.028,

1 **743.029**, 743.053, **743.405**, 743.406, 743.524, 743.526[, 743.528,] **and** 743.535[.].

2 (g) **ORS 743A.010**, 743A.012, **743A.014**, 743A.020, **743A.024**, 743A.034, **743A.036**, **743A.040**,  
3 **743A.048**, 743A.051, 743A.052, **743A.058**, **743A.060**, **743A.062**, **743A.063**, 743A.064, 743A.065,  
4 **743A.066**, **743A.068**, **743A.070**, 743A.080, 743A.082, **743A.084**, **743A.088**, **743A.090**, 743A.100,  
5 743A.104, **743A.105**, **743A.108**, 743A.110, **743A.124**, **743A.140**, **743A.141**, [743A.144,] **743A.148**,  
6 743A.150, **743A.160**, **743A.168**, 743A.170, 743A.175, **743A.180**, [743A.184,] **743A.185**, **743A.188**,  
7 **743A.190**, 743A.192, 743A.250, **743A.252 and 743A.260**.

8 (h) **ORS 743B.001**, 743B.003 to 743B.127 (except 743B.125 to 743B.127), 743B.195 to 743B.206,  
9 743B.220, 743B.222, 743B.225, 743B.227, 743B.250, 743B.252, 743B.253, 743B.254, 743B.255, 743B.256,  
10 743B.257, 743B.258, 743B.310, 743B.320, 743B.321, 743B.330, 743B.340, 743B.341, 743B.342, 743B.343,  
11 743B.344, 743B.345, 743B.347, 743B.400, 743B.403, 743B.407, 743B.420, 743B.423, 743B.451, 743B.453,  
12 743B.470, 743B.505, 743B.550, 743B.555 and 743B.601.

13 [(f) *ORS 743A.010, 743A.014, 743A.024, 743A.028, 743A.032, 743A.036, 743A.040, 743A.048,*  
14 *743A.058, 743A.066, 743A.068, 743A.070, 743A.084, 743A.088, 743A.090, 743A.105, 743A.140, 743A.141,*  
15 *743A.148, 743A.168, 743A.180, 743A.185, 743A.188 and 743A.190. Multiple employer welfare arrange-*  
16 *ments to which ORS 743.004, 743.022, 743.535 and 743B.003 to 743B.127 apply are subject to the*  
17 *sections referred to in this paragraph only as provided in ORS 743.004, 743.022, 743.535 and 743B.003*  
18 *to 743B.127.*]

19 [(g) *Provisions of ORS chapter 744 relating to the regulation of insurance producers and insurance*  
20 *consultants, and ORS 744.700 to 744.740.*]

21 (i) **The following provisions of ORS chapter 744:**

22 (A) **ORS 744.001 to 744.009, 744.011, 744.013, 744.014, 744.018, 744.022 to 744.033, 744.037,**  
23 **744.052 to 744.089, 744.091 and 744.093, relating to the regulation of insurance producers;**

24 (B) **ORS 744.605, 744.609, 744.619, 744.621, 744.626, 744.631, 744.635, 744.650, 744.655 and**  
25 **744.665, relating to the regulation of insurance consultants; and**

26 (C) **ORS 744.700 to 744.740, relating to the regulation of third party administrators.**

27 [(h)] (j) **ORS 746.005 to 746.140, 746.160 and 746.220 to 746.370.**

28 [(i) *ORS 731.592 and 731.594.*]

29 [(j) *ORS 731.870.*]

30 (2) For the purposes of this section:

31 (a) A trust carrying out a multiple employer welfare arrangement shall be considered an insurer.

32 (b) References to certificates of authority shall be considered references to certificates of mul-  
33 tiple employer welfare arrangement.

34 (c) Contributions shall be considered premiums.

35 (3) The provision of health benefits under ORS 750.301 to 750.341 shall be considered to be the  
36 transaction of health insurance.

37 (4) **The Department of Consumer and Business Services may adopt rules that are neces-**  
38 **sary to implement the provisions of ORS 750.301 to 750.341.**

39 **SECTION 11.** ORS 192.556 is amended to read:

40 192.556. As used in ORS 192.553 to 192.581:

41 (1) "Authorization" means a document written in plain language that contains at least the fol-  
42 lowing:

43 (a) A description of the information to be used or disclosed that identifies the information in a  
44 specific and meaningful way;

45 (b) The name or other specific identification of the person or persons authorized to make the

- 1 requested use or disclosure;
- 2 (c) The name or other specific identification of the person or persons to whom the covered entity  
3 may make the requested use or disclosure;
- 4 (d) A description of each purpose of the requested use or disclosure, including but not limited  
5 to a statement that the use or disclosure is at the request of the individual;
- 6 (e) An expiration date or an expiration event that relates to the individual or the purpose of the  
7 use or disclosure;
- 8 (f) The signature of the individual or personal representative of the individual and the date;
- 9 (g) A description of the authority of the personal representative, if applicable; and
- 10 (h) Statements adequate to place the individual on notice of the following:
- 11 (A) The individual's right to revoke the authorization in writing;
- 12 (B) The exceptions to the right to revoke the authorization;
- 13 (C) The ability or inability to condition treatment, payment, enrollment or eligibility for benefits  
14 on whether the individual signs the authorization; and
- 15 (D) The potential for information disclosed pursuant to the authorization to be subject to  
16 redisclosure by the recipient and no longer protected.
- 17 (2) "Covered entity" means:
- 18 (a) A state health plan;
- 19 (b) A health insurer;
- 20 (c) A health care provider that transmits any health information in electronic form to carry out  
21 financial or administrative activities in connection with a transaction covered by ORS 192.553 to  
22 192.581; or
- 23 (d) A health care clearinghouse.
- 24 (3) "Health care" means care, services or supplies related to the health of an individual.
- 25 (4) "Health care operations" includes but is not limited to:
- 26 (a) Quality assessment, accreditation, auditing and improvement activities;
- 27 (b) Case management and care coordination;
- 28 (c) Reviewing the competence, qualifications or performance of health care providers or health  
29 insurers;
- 30 (d) Underwriting activities;
- 31 (e) Arranging for legal services;
- 32 (f) Business planning;
- 33 (g) Customer services;
- 34 (h) Resolving internal grievances;
- 35 (i) Creating deidentified information; and
- 36 (j) Fundraising.
- 37 (5) "Health care provider" includes but is not limited to:
- 38 (a) A psychologist, occupational therapist, regulated social worker, professional counselor or  
39 marriage and family therapist licensed or otherwise authorized to practice under ORS chapter 675  
40 or an employee of the psychologist, occupational therapist, regulated social worker, professional  
41 counselor or marriage and family therapist;
- 42 (b) A physician or physician assistant licensed under ORS chapter 677, an acupuncturist licensed  
43 under ORS 677.759 or an employee of the physician, physician assistant or acupuncturist;
- 44 (c) A nurse or nursing home administrator licensed under ORS chapter 678 or an employee of  
45 the nurse or nursing home administrator;

- 1 (d) A dentist licensed under ORS chapter 679 or an employee of the dentist;  
2 (e) A dental hygienist or denturist licensed under ORS chapter 680 or an employee of the dental  
3 hygienist or denturist;  
4 (f) A speech-language pathologist or audiologist licensed under ORS chapter 681 or an employee  
5 of the speech-language pathologist or audiologist;  
6 (g) An emergency medical services provider licensed under ORS chapter 682;  
7 (h) An optometrist licensed under ORS chapter 683 or an employee of the optometrist;  
8 (i) A chiropractic physician licensed under ORS chapter 684 or an employee of the chiropractic  
9 physician;  
10 (j) A naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685 or an employee of the naturopathic  
11 physician;  
12 (k) A massage therapist licensed under ORS 687.011 to 687.250 or an employee of the massage  
13 therapist;  
14 (L) A direct entry midwife licensed under ORS 687.405 to 687.495 or an employee of the direct  
15 entry midwife;  
16 (m) A physical therapist licensed under ORS 688.010 to 688.201 or an employee of the physical  
17 therapist;  
18 (n) A medical imaging licensee under ORS 688.405 to 688.605 or an employee of the medical  
19 imaging licensee;  
20 (o) A respiratory care practitioner licensed under ORS 688.815 or an employee of the respiratory  
21 care practitioner;  
22 (p) A polysomnographic technologist licensed under ORS 688.819 or an employee of the poly-  
23 somnographic technologist;  
24 (q) A pharmacist licensed under ORS chapter 689 or an employee of the pharmacist;  
25 (r) A dietitian licensed under ORS 691.405 to 691.485 or an employee of the dietitian;  
26 (s) A funeral service practitioner licensed under ORS chapter 692 or an employee of the funeral  
27 service practitioner;  
28 (t) A health care facility as defined in ORS 442.015;  
29 (u) A home health agency as defined in ORS 443.014;  
30 (v) A hospice program as defined in ORS 443.850;  
31 (w) A clinical laboratory as defined in ORS 438.010;  
32 (x) A pharmacy as defined in ORS 689.005; **and**  
33 [(y) *A diabetes self-management program as defined in ORS 743A.184; and*]  
34 [(z)] (y) Any other person or entity that furnishes, bills for or is paid for health care in the  
35 normal course of business.  
36 (6) "Health information" means any oral or written information in any form or medium that:  
37 (a) Is created or received by a covered entity, a public health authority, an employer, a life  
38 insurer, a school, a university or a health care provider that is not a covered entity; and  
39 (b) Relates to:  
40 (A) The past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual;  
41 (B) The provision of health care to an individual; or  
42 (C) The past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual.  
43 (7) "Health insurer" means:  
44 (a) An insurer as defined in ORS 731.106 who offers:  
45 (A) A health benefit plan as defined in ORS 743B.005;

1 (B) A short term health insurance policy, the duration of which does not exceed six months in-  
2 cluding renewals;

3 (C) A student health insurance policy;

4 (D) A Medicare supplemental policy; or

5 (E) A dental only policy.

6 (b) The Oregon Medical Insurance Pool operated by the Oregon Medical Insurance Pool Board  
7 under ORS 735.600 to 735.650.

8 (8) "Individually identifiable health information" means any oral or written health information  
9 in any form or medium that is:

10 (a) Created or received by a covered entity, an employer or a health care provider that is not  
11 a covered entity; and

12 (b) Identifiable to an individual, including demographic information that identifies the individual,  
13 or for which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify an indi-  
14 vidual, and that relates to:

15 (A) The past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual;

16 (B) The provision of health care to an individual; or

17 (C) The past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual.

18 (9) "Payment" includes but is not limited to:

19 (a) Efforts to obtain premiums or reimbursement;

20 (b) Determining eligibility or coverage;

21 (c) Billing activities;

22 (d) Claims management;

23 (e) Reviewing health care to determine medical necessity;

24 (f) Utilization review; and

25 (g) Disclosures to consumer reporting agencies.

26 (10) "Personal representative" includes but is not limited to:

27 (a) A person appointed as a guardian under ORS 125.305, 419B.372, 419C.481 or 419C.555 with  
28 authority to make medical and health care decisions;

29 (b) A person appointed as a health care representative under ORS 127.505 to 127.660 or a rep-  
30 resentative under ORS 127.700 to 127.737 to make health care decisions or mental health treatment  
31 decisions;

32 (c) A person appointed as a personal representative under ORS chapter 113; and

33 (d) A person described in ORS 192.573.

34 (11)(a) "Protected health information" means individually identifiable health information that is  
35 maintained or transmitted in any form of electronic or other medium by a covered entity.

36 (b) "Protected health information" does not mean individually identifiable health information in:

37 (A) Education records covered by the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20  
38 U.S.C. 1232g);

39 (B) Records described at 20 U.S.C. 1232g(a)(4)(B)(iv); or

40 (C) Employment records held by a covered entity in its role as employer.

41 (12) "State health plan" means:

42 (a) Medical assistance as defined in ORS 414.025;

43 (b) The Health Care for All Oregon Children program; or

44 (c) Any medical assistance or premium assistance program operated by the Oregon Health Au-  
45 thority.

1 (13) "Treatment" includes but is not limited to:

2 (a) The provision, coordination or management of health care; and

3 (b) Consultations and referrals between health care providers.

4 **SECTION 12.** ORS 192.556, as amended by section 30, chapter 698, Oregon Laws 2013, is  
5 amended to read:

6 192.556. As used in ORS 192.553 to 192.581:

7 (1) "Authorization" means a document written in plain language that contains at least the fol-  
8 lowing:

9 (a) A description of the information to be used or disclosed that identifies the information in a  
10 specific and meaningful way;

11 (b) The name or other specific identification of the person or persons authorized to make the  
12 requested use or disclosure;

13 (c) The name or other specific identification of the person or persons to whom the covered entity  
14 may make the requested use or disclosure;

15 (d) A description of each purpose of the requested use or disclosure, including but not limited  
16 to a statement that the use or disclosure is at the request of the individual;

17 (e) An expiration date or an expiration event that relates to the individual or the purpose of the  
18 use or disclosure;

19 (f) The signature of the individual or personal representative of the individual and the date;

20 (g) A description of the authority of the personal representative, if applicable; and

21 (h) Statements adequate to place the individual on notice of the following:

22 (A) The individual's right to revoke the authorization in writing;

23 (B) The exceptions to the right to revoke the authorization;

24 (C) The ability or inability to condition treatment, payment, enrollment or eligibility for benefits  
25 on whether the individual signs the authorization; and

26 (D) The potential for information disclosed pursuant to the authorization to be subject to  
27 redisclosure by the recipient and no longer protected.

28 (2) "Covered entity" means:

29 (a) A state health plan;

30 (b) A health insurer;

31 (c) A health care provider that transmits any health information in electronic form to carry out  
32 financial or administrative activities in connection with a transaction covered by ORS 192.553 to  
33 192.581; or

34 (d) A health care clearinghouse.

35 (3) "Health care" means care, services or supplies related to the health of an individual.

36 (4) "Health care operations" includes but is not limited to:

37 (a) Quality assessment, accreditation, auditing and improvement activities;

38 (b) Case management and care coordination;

39 (c) Reviewing the competence, qualifications or performance of health care providers or health  
40 insurers;

41 (d) Underwriting activities;

42 (e) Arranging for legal services;

43 (f) Business planning;

44 (g) Customer services;

45 (h) Resolving internal grievances;

- 1 (i) Creating deidentified information; and  
2 (j) Fundraising.  
3 (5) “Health care provider” includes but is not limited to:  
4 (a) A psychologist, occupational therapist, regulated social worker, professional counselor or  
5 marriage and family therapist licensed or otherwise authorized to practice under ORS chapter 675  
6 or an employee of the psychologist, occupational therapist, regulated social worker, professional  
7 counselor or marriage and family therapist;  
8 (b) A physician or physician assistant licensed under ORS chapter 677, an acupuncturist licensed  
9 under ORS 677.759 or an employee of the physician, physician assistant or acupuncturist;  
10 (c) A nurse or nursing home administrator licensed under ORS chapter 678 or an employee of  
11 the nurse or nursing home administrator;  
12 (d) A dentist licensed under ORS chapter 679 or an employee of the dentist;  
13 (e) A dental hygienist or denturist licensed under ORS chapter 680 or an employee of the dental  
14 hygienist or denturist;  
15 (f) A speech-language pathologist or audiologist licensed under ORS chapter 681 or an employee  
16 of the speech-language pathologist or audiologist;  
17 (g) An emergency medical services provider licensed under ORS chapter 682;  
18 (h) An optometrist licensed under ORS chapter 683 or an employee of the optometrist;  
19 (i) A chiropractic physician licensed under ORS chapter 684 or an employee of the chiropractic  
20 physician;  
21 (j) A naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685 or an employee of the naturopathic  
22 physician;  
23 (k) A massage therapist licensed under ORS 687.011 to 687.250 or an employee of the massage  
24 therapist;  
25 (L) A direct entry midwife licensed under ORS 687.405 to 687.495 or an employee of the direct  
26 entry midwife;  
27 (m) A physical therapist licensed under ORS 688.010 to 688.201 or an employee of the physical  
28 therapist;  
29 (n) A medical imaging licensee under ORS 688.405 to 688.605 or an employee of the medical  
30 imaging licensee;  
31 (o) A respiratory care practitioner licensed under ORS 688.815 or an employee of the respiratory  
32 care practitioner;  
33 (p) A polysomnographic technologist licensed under ORS 688.819 or an employee of the poly-  
34 somnographic technologist;  
35 (q) A pharmacist licensed under ORS chapter 689 or an employee of the pharmacist;  
36 (r) A dietitian licensed under ORS 691.405 to 691.485 or an employee of the dietitian;  
37 (s) A funeral service practitioner licensed under ORS chapter 692 or an employee of the funeral  
38 service practitioner;  
39 (t) A health care facility as defined in ORS 442.015;  
40 (u) A home health agency as defined in ORS 443.014;  
41 (v) A hospice program as defined in ORS 443.850;  
42 (w) A clinical laboratory as defined in ORS 438.010;  
43 (x) A pharmacy as defined in ORS 689.005; **and**  
44 [(y) A *diabetes self-management program* as defined in ORS 743A.184; and]  
45 [(z)] (y) Any other person or entity that furnishes, bills for or is paid for health care in the

1 normal course of business.

2 (6) "Health information" means any oral or written information in any form or medium that:

3 (a) Is created or received by a covered entity, a public health authority, an employer, a life  
4 insurer, a school, a university or a health care provider that is not a covered entity; and

5 (b) Relates to:

6 (A) The past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual;

7 (B) The provision of health care to an individual; or

8 (C) The past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual.

9 (7) "Health insurer" means an insurer as defined in ORS 731.106 who offers:

10 (a) A health benefit plan as defined in ORS 743B.005;

11 (b) A short term health insurance policy, the duration of which does not exceed six months in-  
12 cluding renewals;

13 (c) A student health insurance policy;

14 (d) A Medicare supplemental policy; or

15 (e) A dental only policy.

16 (8) "Individually identifiable health information" means any oral or written health information  
17 in any form or medium that is:

18 (a) Created or received by a covered entity, an employer or a health care provider that is not  
19 a covered entity; and

20 (b) Identifiable to an individual, including demographic information that identifies the individual,  
21 or for which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify an indi-  
22 vidual, and that relates to:

23 (A) The past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual;

24 (B) The provision of health care to an individual; or

25 (C) The past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual.

26 (9) "Payment" includes but is not limited to:

27 (a) Efforts to obtain premiums or reimbursement;

28 (b) Determining eligibility or coverage;

29 (c) Billing activities;

30 (d) Claims management;

31 (e) Reviewing health care to determine medical necessity;

32 (f) Utilization review; and

33 (g) Disclosures to consumer reporting agencies.

34 (10) "Personal representative" includes but is not limited to:

35 (a) A person appointed as a guardian under ORS 125.305, 419B.372, 419C.481 or 419C.555 with  
36 authority to make medical and health care decisions;

37 (b) A person appointed as a health care representative under ORS 127.505 to 127.660 or a rep-  
38 resentative under ORS 127.700 to 127.737 to make health care decisions or mental health treatment  
39 decisions;

40 (c) A person appointed as a personal representative under ORS chapter 113; and

41 (d) A person described in ORS 192.573.

42 (11)(a) "Protected health information" means individually identifiable health information that is  
43 maintained or transmitted in any form of electronic or other medium by a covered entity.

44 (b) "Protected health information" does not mean individually identifiable health information in:

45 (A) Education records covered by the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20



- 1 U.S.C. 1232g);
- 2 (B) Records described at 20 U.S.C. 1232g(a)(4)(B)(iv); or
- 3 (C) Employment records held by a covered entity in its role as employer.
- 4 (12) "State health plan" means:
- 5 (a) Medical assistance as defined in ORS 414.025;
- 6 (b) The Health Care for All Oregon Children program; or
- 7 (c) Any medical assistance or premium assistance program operated by the Oregon Health Au-
- 8 thority.
- 9 (13) "Treatment" includes but is not limited to:
- 10 (a) The provision, coordination or management of health care; and
- 11 (b) Consultations and referrals between health care providers.
- 12 **SECTION 13.** ORS 433.443 is amended to read:
- 13 433.443. (1) As used in this section:
- 14 (a) "Covered entity" means:
- 15 (A) The Children's Health Insurance Program;
- 16 (B) A health insurer that is an insurer as defined in ORS 731.106 and that issues health insur-
- 17 ance as defined in ORS 731.162;
- 18 (C) The state medical assistance program; and
- 19 (D) A health care provider.
- 20 (b) "Health care provider" includes but is not limited to:
- 21 (A) A psychologist, occupational therapist, regulated social worker, professional counselor or
- 22 marriage and family therapist licensed or otherwise authorized to practice under ORS chapter 675
- 23 or an employee of the psychologist, occupational therapist, regulated social worker, professional
- 24 counselor or marriage and family therapist;
- 25 (B) A physician or physician assistant licensed under ORS chapter 677, an acupuncturist li-
- 26 censed under ORS 677.759 or an employee of the physician, physician assistant or acupuncturist;
- 27 (C) A nurse or nursing home administrator licensed under ORS chapter 678 or an employee of
- 28 the nurse or nursing home administrator;
- 29 (D) A dentist licensed under ORS chapter 679 or an employee of the dentist;
- 30 (E) A dental hygienist or denturist licensed under ORS chapter 680 or an employee of the dental
- 31 hygienist or denturist;
- 32 (F) A speech-language pathologist or audiologist licensed under ORS chapter 681 or an employee
- 33 of the speech-language pathologist or audiologist;
- 34 (G) An emergency medical services provider licensed under ORS chapter 682;
- 35 (H) An optometrist licensed under ORS chapter 683 or an employee of the optometrist;
- 36 (I) A chiropractic physician licensed under ORS chapter 684 or an employee of the chiropractic
- 37 physician;
- 38 (J) A naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685 or an employee of the naturopathic
- 39 physician;
- 40 (K) A massage therapist licensed under ORS 687.011 to 687.250 or an employee of the massage
- 41 therapist;
- 42 (L) A direct entry midwife licensed under ORS 687.405 to 687.495 or an employee of the direct
- 43 entry midwife;
- 44 (M) A physical therapist licensed under ORS 688.010 to 688.201 or an employee of the physical
- 45 therapist;

- 1 (N) A medical imaging licensee under ORS 688.405 to 688.605 or an employee of the medical  
2 imaging licensee;
- 3 (O) A respiratory care practitioner licensed under ORS 688.815 or an employee of the respir-  
4 atory care practitioner;
- 5 (P) A polysomnographic technologist licensed under ORS 688.819 or an employee of the poly-  
6 somnographic technologist;
- 7 (Q) A pharmacist licensed under ORS chapter 689 or an employee of the pharmacist;
- 8 (R) A dietitian licensed under ORS 691.405 to 691.485 or an employee of the dietitian;
- 9 (S) A funeral service practitioner licensed under ORS chapter 692 or an employee of the funeral  
10 service practitioner;
- 11 (T) A health care facility as defined in ORS 442.015;
- 12 (U) A home health agency as defined in ORS 443.014;
- 13 (V) A hospice program as defined in ORS 443.850;
- 14 (W) A clinical laboratory as defined in ORS 438.010;
- 15 (X) A pharmacy as defined in ORS 689.005; **and**
- 16 [*Y*] *A diabetes self-management program as defined in ORS 743A.184; and*
- 17 [(Z)] **(Y)** Any other person or entity that furnishes, bills for or is paid for health care in the  
18 normal course of business.
- 19 (c) “Individual” means a natural person.
- 20 (d) “Individually identifiable health information” means any oral or written health information  
21 in any form or medium that is:
- 22 (A) Created or received by a covered entity, an employer or a health care provider that is not  
23 a covered entity; and
- 24 (B) Identifiable to an individual, including demographic information that identifies the individual,  
25 or for which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify an indi-  
26 vidual, and that relates to:
- 27 (i) The past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual;
- 28 (ii) The provision of health care to an individual; or
- 29 (iii) The past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual.
- 30 (e) “Legal representative” means attorney at law, person holding a general power of attorney,  
31 guardian, conservator or any person appointed by a court to manage the personal or financial affairs  
32 of a person, or agency legally responsible for the welfare or support of a person.
- 33 (2)(a) During a public health emergency declared under ORS 433.441, the Public Health Director  
34 may, as necessary to appropriately respond to the public health emergency:
- 35 (A) Adopt reporting requirements for and provide notice of those requirements to health care  
36 providers, institutions and facilities for the purpose of obtaining information directly related to the  
37 public health emergency;
- 38 (B) After consultation with appropriate medical experts, create and require the use of diagnostic  
39 and treatment protocols to respond to the public health emergency and provide notice of those  
40 protocols to health care providers, institutions and facilities;
- 41 (C) Order, or authorize local public health administrators to order, public health measures ap-  
42 propriate to the public health threat presented;
- 43 (D) Authorize pharmacists licensed under ORS chapter 689 to administer vaccines to persons  
44 who are three years of age or older;
- 45 (E) Upon approval of the Governor, take other actions necessary to address the public health

1 emergency and provide notice of those actions to health care providers, institutions and facilities,  
2 including public health actions authorized by ORS 431A.015;

3 (F) Take any enforcement action authorized by ORS 431A.010, including the imposition of civil  
4 penalties of up to \$500 per day against individuals, institutions or facilities that knowingly fail to  
5 comply with requirements resulting from actions taken in accordance with the powers granted to  
6 the Public Health Director under subparagraphs (A), (B) and (E) of this paragraph; and

7 (G) The authority granted to the Public Health Director under this section:

8 (i) Supersedes any authority granted to a local public health authority if the local public health  
9 authority acts in a manner inconsistent with guidelines established or rules adopted by the director  
10 under this section; and

11 (ii) Does not supersede the general authority granted to a local public health authority or a  
12 local public health administrator except as authorized by law or necessary to respond to a public  
13 health emergency.

14 (b) The authority of the Public Health Director to take administrative action, and the effec-  
15 tiveness of any action taken, under paragraph (a)(A), (B) and (D) to (G) of this subsection terminates  
16 upon the expiration of the declared state of public health emergency, unless the actions are con-  
17 tinued under other applicable law.

18 (3) Civil penalties under subsection (2) of this section shall be imposed in the manner provided  
19 in ORS 183.745. The Public Health Director must establish that the individual, institution or facility  
20 subject to the civil penalty had actual notice of the action taken that is the basis for the penalty.  
21 The maximum aggregate total for penalties that may be imposed against an individual, institution  
22 or facility under subsection (2) of this section is \$500 for each day of violation, regardless of the  
23 number of violations of subsection (2) of this section that occurred on each day of violation.

24 (4)(a) During a declared state of public health emergency, the Public Health Director and local  
25 public health administrators shall be given immediate access to individually identifiable health in-  
26 formation necessary to:

27 (A) Determine the causes of an illness related to the public health emergency;

28 (B) Identify persons at risk;

29 (C) Identify patterns of transmission;

30 (D) Provide treatment; and

31 (E) Take steps to control the disease.

32 (b) Individually identifiable health information accessed as provided by paragraph (a) of this  
33 subsection may not be used for conducting nonemergency epidemiologic research or to identify  
34 persons at risk for post-traumatic mental health problems, or for any other purpose except the pur-  
35 poses listed in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

36 (c) Individually identifiable health information obtained by the Public Health Director or local  
37 public health administrators under this subsection may not be disclosed without written authori-  
38 zation of the identified individual except:

39 (A) Directly to the individual who is the subject of the information or to the legal representative  
40 of that individual;

41 (B) To state, local or federal agencies authorized to receive such information by state or federal  
42 law;

43 (C) To identify or to determine the cause or manner of death of a deceased individual; or

44 (D) Directly to a health care provider for the evaluation or treatment of a condition that is the  
45 subject of a [*proclamation*] **declaration** of a state of public health emergency issued under ORS

1 433.441.

2 (d) Upon expiration of the state of public health emergency, the Public Health Director or local  
3 public health administrators may not use or disclose any individually identifiable health information  
4 that has been obtained under this section. If a state of emergency that is related to the state of  
5 public health emergency has been declared under ORS 401.165, the Public Health Director and local  
6 public health administrators may continue to use any individually identifiable information obtained  
7 as provided under this section until termination of the state of emergency.

8 (5) All civil penalties recovered under this section shall be paid into the State Treasury and  
9 credited to the General Fund and are available for general governmental expenses.

10 (6) The Public Health Director may request assistance in enforcing orders issued pursuant to  
11 this section from state or local law enforcement authorities. If so requested by the Public Health  
12 Director, state and local law enforcement authorities, to the extent resources are available, shall  
13 assist in enforcing orders issued pursuant to this section.

14 (7) If the Oregon Health Authority adopts temporary rules to implement the provisions of this  
15 section, the rules adopted are not subject to the provisions of ORS 183.335 (6)(a). The authority may  
16 amend temporary rules adopted pursuant to this subsection as often as necessary to respond to the  
17 public health emergency.

18 **SECTION 14.** ORS 742.005 is amended to read:

19 742.005. The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services shall disapprove  
20 any form requiring the director's approval:

21 (1) If the director finds it does not comply with the law;

22 (2) If the director finds it contains any provision, including statement of premium, or has any  
23 label, description of its contents, title, heading, backing or other indication of its provisions, which  
24 is unintelligible, uncertain, ambiguous or abstruse, or likely to mislead a person to whom the policy  
25 is offered, delivered or issued;

26 (3) If, in the director's judgment, its use would be prejudicial to the interests of the insurer's  
27 policyholders;

28 (4) If the director finds it contains provisions which are unjust, unfair or inequitable;

29 (5) If the director finds sales presentation material disapproved by the director pursuant to ORS  
30 742.009 is being used with respect to the form; or

31 (6) If, with respect to any of the following forms, the director finds the benefits provided therein  
32 are not reasonable in relation to the premium charged:

33 (a) Individual health insurance policy forms, including benefit certificates issued by fraternal  
34 benefit societies and individual policies issued by health care service contractors, but excluding  
35 policies referred to in ORS 743.402 as exempt from the application of ORS 743.405 to 743.498[,] **and**  
36 743A.160 [*and 743A.164*];

37 (b) Small employer group health benefit plan forms for small employers as that term is defined  
38 in ORS 743B.005, including small employer group policies issued by health care service contractors;

39 or

40 (c) Credit life and credit health insurance forms subject to ORS 743.371 to 743.380.

41 **SECTION 15.** ORS 743A.050, 743A.120, 743A.144, 743A.164 and 743A.184 are repealed.

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