

Senate Bill 558

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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 **as introduced**.

Requires Oregon Health Authority to convene work group to advise and assist in implementing targeted outreach and marketing for Health Care for All Oregon Children program. Permits all children residing in Oregon and meeting financial eligibility requirements to enroll in program. Requires authority, in collaboration with Department of Consumer and Business Services if necessary, to seek necessary federal approval or waiver of federal requirements to secure federal financial participation in costs of outreach and marketing and in expansion of eligibility for program.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to improving the health of Oregon children; creating new provisions; amending ORS 413.201
3 and 414.231; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 413.201 is amended to read:

6 413.201. (1) The Oregon Health Authority is responsible for statewide outreach and marketing
7 of the Health Care for All Oregon Children program established in ORS 414.231 and administered
8 by the authority with the goal of enrolling in *[those programs]* **the program** all eligible children
9 residing in this state. **The authority, in collaboration with the work group described in sub-**
10 **section (3) of this section, shall evaluate and implement the outreach and marketing strate-**
11 **gies designed to most effectively encourage the enrollment of children in the program.**

12 (2) To maximize the enrollment and retention of eligible children in the Health Care for All
13 Oregon Children program, the authority shall develop and administer a grant program to provide
14 funding to organizations and community based groups to deliver culturally specific and targeted
15 outreach and direct application assistance to:

16 (a) Members of racial, ethnic and language minority communities;

17 (b) Children living in geographic isolation; and

18 (c) Children and family members with additional barriers to accessing health care, such as cog-
19 nitive, mental health or sensory disorders, physical disabilities or chemical dependency, and children
20 experiencing homelessness.

21 **(3) The authority shall convene a work group, consisting of individuals with experience**
22 **in conducting outreach to the individuals described in subsection (2)(a) to (c) of this section,**
23 **to advise and assist the authority in carrying out its duties under this section.**

24 **SECTION 2.** ORS 414.231 is amended to read:

25 414.231. (1) As used in this section, "child" means a person under 19 years of age.

26 (2) The Health Care for All Oregon Children program is established to make affordable, acces-
27 sible health care available to all of Oregon's children. The program provides medical assistance to
28 children, funded in whole or in part by Title XIX of the Social Security Act, by the State Children's

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 Health Insurance Program under Title XXI of the Social Security Act and by moneys appropriated
 2 or allocated for that purpose by the Legislative Assembly.

3 (3) A child is eligible for medical assistance under subsection (2) of this section if the child [*is*
 4 *lawfully present*] **resides** in this state and the income of the child’s family is[.]

5 [(a) *At or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines; or*]

6 [(b) *Above 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines and*] at or below 300 percent of the federal
 7 poverty guidelines[, *as long as federal financial participation is available for the costs of the*
 8 *coverage*].

9 (4) There is no asset limit to qualify for the program.

10 (5)(a) A child receiving medical assistance through the Health Care for All Oregon Children
 11 program is continuously eligible for a minimum period of 12 months or until the child reaches 19
 12 years of age, whichever comes first.

13 (b) The Department of Human Services or the Oregon Health Authority shall reenroll a child
 14 for successive 12-month periods of enrollment as long as the child is eligible for medical assistance
 15 on the date of reenrollment and the child has not yet reached 19 years of age.

16 (c) A child may not be required to submit a new application as a condition of reenrollment under
 17 paragraph (b) of this subsection.[, *and*]

18 (6) The department or the authority must determine the child’s eligibility for **or reenrollment**
 19 **in** medical assistance using information and sources available to the department or the authority
 20 [*or documentation that is readily available to the child or the child’s caretaker*]. **If information and**
 21 **sources available to the department or the authority are not adequate to verify the child’s**
 22 **eligibility, the department or the authority may require the child or the child’s caretaker to**
 23 **provide additional documentation in accordance with ORS 411.400 and 411.402. Information**
 24 **requested or obtained by the department or the authority under this subsection is subject**
 25 **to the requirements of ORS 410.150 and 413.175.**

26 **SECTION 3. The Oregon Health Authority, in collaboration with the Department of**
 27 **Consumer and Business Services if necessary, shall seek any federal approval or waivers of**
 28 **federal requirements necessary to maximize federal financial participation in the costs of**
 29 **carrying out the amendments to ORS 413.201 and 414.231 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2017 Act,**
 30 **but the amendments to ORS 413.201 and 414.231 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2017 Act are not**
 31 **contingent upon receipt of federal approval or waivers of federal requirements.**

32 **SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
 33 **ated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, out of the**
 34 **General Fund, the amount of \$_____, which may be expended for carrying out the amend-**
 35 **ments to ORS 413.201 and 414.231 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2017 Act.**

36 **SECTION 5. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
 37 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**
 38 **on its passage.**