

At the request of CareOregon

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2838**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 4, delete “Section 2” and insert
2 “Sections 2 and 3” and delete “is” and insert “are”.

3 In line 5, delete “assister’ means” and insert “assistance’ means services
4 provided by”.

5 Delete lines 11 and 12 and insert:

6 “(a) Provide grants, in accordance with subsections (3), (4) and (5) of this
7 section, to independent nonprofit organizations providing application assist-
8 ance to ensure that there is at least one individual available to provide ap-
9 plication assistance for every 1,000 medical assistance recipients;”.

10 Delete lines 15 and 16.

11 In line 17, delete “(d)” and insert “(c)” and after “assistance” insert “, to
12 the maximum extent permitted by federal law,”.

13 In line 20, delete “(e)” and insert “(d)”.

14 After line 22, insert:

15 “(3) Grants described in subsection (2)(a) of this section shall be paid from
16 the Oregon Health Authority Assister Fund established under section 4 of
17 this 2017 Act. Grant recipients must provide objective, unbiased information
18 to potential enrollees in the selection of a coordinated care organization.

19 “(4) The authority shall target grants to areas of this state served by co-
20 ordinated care organizations that contribute to the Oregon Health Authority
21 Assister Fund.

1 “(5) Coordinated care organizations that contribute to the Oregon Health
2 Authority Assister Fund may recommend, for the receipt of grants, particular
3 independent nonprofit organizations that provide application assistance. The
4 authority shall respond to a recommendation made under this subsection no
5 later than 60 days after the recommendation is submitted. The authority
6 shall approve the recommendation and disburse the grant accordingly if the
7 authority determines that the independent nonprofit organization has the
8 capacity to assist individuals with complex needs and that the organization
9 will not show bias in providing application assistance toward the coordi-
10 nated care organization that made the recommendation.

11 “(6) This section does not prevent a local public health authority, as de-
12 fined in ORS 431.003, from providing application assistance to applicants for
13 and recipients of medical assistance.”.

14 In line 23, delete “(3)” and insert “(7)”.

15 After line 24, insert:

16 **“SECTION 3. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall update at least**
17 **monthly the information provided to each coordinated care organiza-**
18 **tion about members enrolled in the coordinated care organization. The**
19 **updated information must include but is not limited to each member’s:**

20 **“(a) Address;**

21 **“(b) Eligibility category;**

22 **“(c) Telephone number;**

23 **“(d) Electronic mail address;**

24 **“(e) Date of renewal; and**

25 **“(f) Medical assistance termination date.**

26 **“(2) The authority shall provide training to employees of coordi-**
27 **nated care organizations who are responsible for updating member**
28 **information in the state databases.**

29 **“SECTION 4. The Oregon Health Authority Assister Fund is estab-**
30 **lished in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General**

1 **Fund. The Oregon Health Authority Assister Fund consists of volun-**
2 **tary contributions from coordinated care organizations. Moneys in**
3 **the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Health Author-**
4 **ity to provide grants under section 2 of this 2017 Act.”.**

5 In line 25, delete “3” and insert “5”.

6 On page 2, line 7, delete “4” and insert “6”.

7 In line 45, delete “5” and insert “7”.

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