

Requested by Senator STEINER HAYWARD

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
A-ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 934**

1 On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, line 23, delete “at least 12” and
2 insert “on primary care, as defined in section 2, chapter 575, Oregon Laws
3 2015, at least 12 percent of the coordinated care organization’s total ex-
4 penditures for physical and mental health care provided to members, except
5 for expenditures on prescription drugs, vision care and dental care”.

6 In lines 24 and 25, delete the boldfaced material.

7 On page 3, line 45, after “spends” insert “on primary care” and delete
8 “global budget” and insert “total expenditures on physical and mental health
9 care, as required by ORS 414.625 (1)(c),”.

10 On page 4, line 1, delete “on primary care”.

11 In line 2, delete “global budget” and insert “total expenditures”.

12 On page 5, line 21, delete “premiums” and insert “total medical expendi-
13 tures”.

14 In line 22, delete “premiums” and insert “total medical expenditures”.

15 In line 24, delete the first comma and insert a colon and begin a new
16 paragraph and insert “(a)”.

17 After line 26, insert:

18 “(b) ‘Total medical expenditures’ means payments to reimburse the cost
19 of physical and mental health care provided to enrollees, excluding pre-
20 scription drugs, vision care and dental care, whether paid on a fee-for-service
21 basis or as part of a capitated rate or other type of payment mechanism.”.

1 On page 6, after line 42, insert:

2 “(11) ‘Total medical expenditures’ means payments to reimburse the cost
3 of physical and mental health care provided to eligible employees or their
4 family members, excluding prescription drugs, vision care and dental care,
5 whether paid on a fee-for-service basis or as part of a capitated rate or other
6 type of payment mechanism.”.

7 On page 7, line 34, after “total” insert “medical”.

8 In line 38, after “total” insert “medical”.

9 On page 8, after line 40, insert:

10 “(10) ‘Total medical expenditures’ means payments to reimburse the cost
11 of physical and mental health care provided to eligible employees or their
12 family members, excluding prescription drugs, vision care and dental care,
13 whether paid on a fee-for-service basis or as part of a capitated rate or other
14 type of payment mechanism.”.

15 On page 9, line 34, after “total” insert “medical”.

16 In line 38, after “total” insert “medical”.

17 On page 10, line 4, delete “December 31” and insert “October 1”.

18 On page 11, delete lines 25 through 45 and delete pages 12 through 15.

19 On page 16, delete lines 1 through 12 and insert:

20 **“SECTION 14.** ORS 414.625, as amended by section 1 of this 2017 Act, is
21 amended to read:

22 “414.625. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall adopt by rule the quali-
23 fication criteria and requirements for a coordinated care organization and
24 shall integrate the criteria and requirements into each contract with a co-
25 ordinated care organization. Coordinated care organizations may be local,
26 community-based organizations or statewide organizations with community-
27 based participation in governance or any combination of the two. Coordi-
28 nated care organizations may contract with counties or with other public or
29 private entities to provide services to members. The authority may not con-
30 tract with only one statewide organization. A coordinated care organization

1 may be a single corporate structure or a network of providers organized
2 through contractual relationships. The criteria adopted by the authority un-
3 der this section must include, but are not limited to, the coordinated care
4 organization’s demonstrated experience and capacity for:

5 “(a) Managing financial risk and establishing financial reserves.

6 “(b) Meeting the following minimum financial requirements:

7 “(A) Maintaining restricted reserves of \$250,000 plus an amount equal to
8 50 percent of the coordinated care organization’s total actual or projected
9 liabilities above \$250,000.

10 “(B) Maintaining a net worth in an amount equal to at least five percent
11 of the average combined revenue in the prior two quarters of the partic-
12 ipating health care entities.

13 “(c) Operating within a fixed global budget and[, *by January 1, 2023,*]
14 spending on primary care, as defined [*in section 2, chapter 575, Oregon Laws*
15 *2015*] **by the authority by rule**, at least 12 percent of the coordinated care
16 organization’s total expenditures for physical and mental health care pro-
17 vided to members, except for expenditures on prescription drugs, vision care
18 and dental care.

19 “(d) Developing and implementing alternative payment methodologies that
20 are based on health care quality and improved health outcomes.

21 “(e) Coordinating the delivery of physical health care, mental health and
22 chemical dependency services, oral health care and covered long-term care
23 services.

24 “(f) Engaging community members and health care providers in improving
25 the health of the community and addressing regional, cultural, socioeconomic
26 and racial disparities in health care that exist among the coordinated care
27 organization’s members and in the coordinated care organization’s commu-
28 nity.

29 “(2) In addition to the criteria specified in subsection (1) of this section,
30 the authority must adopt by rule requirements for coordinated care organ-

1 izations contracting with the authority so that:

2 “(a) Each member of the coordinated care organization receives integrated
3 person centered care and services designed to provide choice, independence
4 and dignity.

5 “(b) Each member has a consistent and stable relationship with a care
6 team that is responsible for comprehensive care management and service
7 delivery.

8 “(c) The supportive and therapeutic needs of each member are addressed
9 in a holistic fashion, using patient centered primary care homes, behavioral
10 health homes or other models that support patient centered primary care and
11 behavioral health care and individualized care plans to the extent feasible.

12 “(d) Members receive comprehensive transitional care, including appro-
13 priate follow-up, when entering and leaving an acute care facility or a long
14 term care setting.

15 “(e) Members receive assistance in navigating the health care delivery
16 system and in accessing community and social support services and statewide
17 resources, including through the use of certified health care interpreters, as
18 defined in ORS 413.550, community health workers and personal health
19 navigators who meet competency standards established by the authority un-
20 der ORS 414.665 or who are certified by the Home Care Commission under
21 ORS 410.604.

22 “(f) Services and supports are geographically located as close to where
23 members reside as possible and are, if available, offered in nontraditional
24 settings that are accessible to families, diverse communities and underserved
25 populations.

26 “(g) Each coordinated care organization uses health information technol-
27 ogy to link services and care providers across the continuum of care to the
28 greatest extent practicable and if financially viable.

29 “(h) Each coordinated care organization complies with the safeguards for
30 members described in ORS 414.635.

1 “(i) Each coordinated care organization convenes a community advisory
2 council that meets the criteria specified in ORS 414.627.

3 “(j) Each coordinated care organization prioritizes working with members
4 who have high health care needs, multiple chronic conditions, mental illness
5 or chemical dependency and involves those members in accessing and man-
6 aging appropriate preventive, health, remedial and supportive care and ser-
7 vices to reduce the use of avoidable emergency room visits and hospital
8 admissions.

9 “(k) Members have a choice of providers within the coordinated care
10 organization’s network and that providers participating in a coordinated care
11 organization:

12 “(A) Work together to develop best practices for care and service delivery
13 to reduce waste and improve the health and well-being of members.

14 “(B) Are educated about the integrated approach and how to access and
15 communicate within the integrated system about a patient’s treatment plan
16 and health history.

17 “(C) Emphasize prevention, healthy lifestyle choices, evidence-based
18 practices, shared decision-making and communication.

19 “(D) Are permitted to participate in the networks of multiple coordinated
20 care organizations.

21 “(E) Include providers of specialty care.

22 “(F) Are selected by coordinated care organizations using universal ap-
23 plication and credentialing procedures and objective quality information and
24 are removed if the providers fail to meet objective quality standards.

25 “(G) Work together to develop best practices for culturally appropriate
26 care and service delivery to reduce waste, reduce health disparities and im-
27 prove the health and well-being of members.

28 “(L) Each coordinated care organization reports on outcome and quality
29 measures adopted under ORS 414.638 and participates in the health care data
30 reporting system established in ORS 442.464 and 442.466.

1 “(m) Each coordinated care organization uses best practices in the man-
2 agement of finances, contracts, claims processing, payment functions and
3 provider networks.

4 “(n) Each coordinated care organization participates in the learning
5 collaborative described in ORS 413.259 (3).

6 “(o) Each coordinated care organization has a governing body that in-
7 cludes:

8 “(A) Persons that share in the financial risk of the organization who must
9 constitute a majority of the governing body;

10 “(B) The major components of the health care delivery system;

11 “(C) At least two health care providers in active practice, including:

12 “(i) A physician licensed under ORS chapter 677 or a nurse practitioner
13 certified under ORS 678.375, whose area of practice is primary care; and

14 “(ii) A mental health or chemical dependency treatment provider;

15 “(D) At least two members from the community at large, to ensure that
16 the organization’s decision-making is consistent with the values of the
17 members and the community; and

18 “(E) At least one member of the community advisory council.

19 “(p) Each coordinated care organization’s governing body establishes
20 standards for publicizing the activities of the coordinated care organization
21 and the organization’s community advisory councils, as necessary, to keep
22 the community informed.

23 “(3) The authority shall consider the participation of area agencies and
24 other nonprofit agencies in the configuration of coordinated care organiza-
25 tions.

26 “(4) In selecting one or more coordinated care organizations to serve a
27 geographic area, the authority shall:

28 “(a) For members and potential members, optimize access to care and
29 choice of providers;

30 “(b) For providers, optimize choice in contracting with coordinated care

1 organizations; and

2 “(c) Allow more than one coordinated care organization to serve the ge-
3 ographic area if necessary to optimize access and choice under this sub-
4 section.

5 “(5) On or before July 1, 2014, each coordinated care organization must
6 have a formal contractual relationship with any dental care organization
7 that serves members of the coordinated care organization in the area where
8 they reside.

9 **“SECTION 15.** ORS 743.010, as amended by section 5 of this 2017 Act, is
10 amended to read:

11 “743.010. (1) In addition to all other powers of the Director of the De-
12 partment of Consumer and Business Services with respect thereto, the di-
13 rector may issue rules with respect to policy forms and health benefit plan
14 forms described in ORS 742.005 (6)(a) and (b):

15 “(a) Establishing minimum benefit standards;

16 “(b) Requiring the ratio of benefits to premiums to be not less than a
17 specified percentage in order to be considered reasonable, and requiring the
18 periodic filing of data that will demonstrate the insurer’s compliance;

19 “(c) Establishing requirements intended to discourage duplication or
20 overlapping of coverage and replacement, without regard to the advantage
21 to policyholders, of existing policies by new policies; and

22 “(d) Establishing requirements for carriers offering health benefit plans
23 [*that spend less than*] **to spend at least** 12 percent of total medical expend-
24 itures on payments for primary care [*to submit with each rate filing a plan*
25 *to increase spending on payments for primary care as a percentage of total*
26 *medical expenditures by at least one percent each plan year*].

27 “(2) As used in this section:

28 “(a) ‘Primary care’ means family medicine, general internal medicine,
29 naturopathic medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics or general psy-
30 chiatry.

1 “(b) ‘Total medical expenditures’ means payments to reimburse the cost
2 of physical and mental health care provided to enrollees, excluding pre-
3 scription drugs, vision care and dental care, whether paid on a fee-for-service
4 basis or as part of a capitated rate or other type of payment mechanism.

5 **“SECTION 16.** ORS 243.135, as amended by section 4, chapter 389, Oregon
6 Laws 2015, and section 9 of this 2017 Act, is amended to read:

7 “243.135. (1) Notwithstanding any other benefit plan contracted for and
8 offered by the Public Employees’ Benefit Board, the board shall contract for
9 a health benefit plan or plans best designed to meet the needs and provide
10 for the welfare of eligible employees, the state and the local governments.
11 In considering whether to enter into a contract for a plan, the board shall
12 place emphasis on:

- 13 “(a) Employee choice among high quality plans;
- 14 “(b) A competitive marketplace;
- 15 “(c) Plan performance and information;
- 16 “(d) Employer flexibility in plan design and contracting;
- 17 “(e) Quality customer service;
- 18 “(f) Creativity and innovation;
- 19 “(g) Plan benefits as part of total employee compensation;
- 20 “(h) The improvement of employee health; and
- 21 “(i) Health outcome and quality measures, described in ORS 413.017 (4),
22 that are reported by the plan.

23 “(2) The board may approve more than one carrier for each type of plan
24 contracted for and offered but the number of carriers shall be held to a
25 number consistent with adequate service to eligible employees and their
26 family members.

27 “(3) Where appropriate for a contracted and offered health benefit plan,
28 the board shall provide options under which an eligible employee may ar-
29 range coverage for family members.

30 “(4) Payroll deductions for costs that are not payable by the state or a

1 local government may be made upon receipt of a signed authorization from
2 the employee indicating an election to participate in the plan or plans se-
3 lected and the deduction of a certain sum from the employee's pay.

4 “(5) In developing any health benefit plan, the board may provide an op-
5 tion of additional coverage for eligible employees and their family members
6 at an additional cost or premium.

7 “(6) Transfer of enrollment from one plan to another shall be open to all
8 eligible employees and their family members under rules adopted by the
9 board. Because of the special problems that may arise in individual instances
10 under comprehensive group practice plan coverage involving acceptable
11 provider-patient relations between a particular panel of providers and par-
12 ticular eligible employees and their family members, the board shall provide
13 a procedure under which any eligible employee may apply at any time to
14 substitute a health service benefit plan for participation in a comprehensive
15 group practice benefit plan.

16 “(7) The board shall evaluate a benefit plan that serves a limited ge-
17 ographic region of this state according to the criteria described in subsection
18 (1) of this section.

19 “(8) [*By January 1, 2023, the board shall spend at least 12 percent of its*
20 *total medical expenditures in self-insured health benefit plans on payments for*
21 *primary care*] **If the board spends less than 12 percent of its total med-**
22 **ical expenditures in self-insured health benefit plans on payments for**
23 **primary care, the board shall implement a plan for increasing the**
24 **percentage of total medical expenditures spent on payments for pri-**
25 **mary care by at least one percent each year.**

26 “(9) No later than February 1 of each year, the board shall report to the
27 Legislative Assembly on **any plan implemented under subsection (8) of**
28 **this section and on** the board's progress toward achieving the target of
29 spending at least 12 percent of total medical expenditures in self-insured
30 health benefit plans on payments for primary care.

1 **“SECTION 17.** ORS 243.866, as amended by section 5, chapter 389, Oregon
2 Laws 2015, and section 11 of this 2017 Act, is amended to read:

3 “243.866. (1) The Oregon Educators Benefit Board shall contract for ben-
4 efit plans best designed to meet the needs and provide for the welfare of el-
5 igible employees, the districts and local governments. In considering whether
6 to enter into a contract for a benefit plan, the board shall place emphasis
7 on:

8 “(a) Employee choice among high-quality plans;

9 “(b) Encouragement of a competitive marketplace;

10 “(c) Plan performance and information;

11 “(d) District and local government flexibility in plan design and con-
12 tracting;

13 “(e) Quality customer service;

14 “(f) Creativity and innovation;

15 “(g) Plan benefits as part of total employee compensation;

16 “(h) Improvement of employee health; and

17 “(i) Health outcome and quality measures, described in ORS 413.017 (4),
18 that are reported by the plan.

19 “(2) The board may approve more than one carrier for each type of benefit
20 plan offered, but the board shall limit the number of carriers to a number
21 consistent with adequate service to eligible employees and family members.

22 “(3) When appropriate, the board shall provide options under which an
23 eligible employee may arrange coverage for family members under a benefit
24 plan.

25 “(4) A district or a local government shall provide that payroll deductions
26 for benefit plan costs that are not payable by the district or local govern-
27 ment may be made upon receipt of a signed authorization from the employee
28 indicating an election to participate in the benefit plan or plans selected and
29 allowing the deduction of those costs from the employee’s pay.

30 “(5) In developing any benefit plan, the board may provide an option of

1 additional coverage for eligible employees and family members at an addi-
2 tional premium.

3 “(6) The board shall adopt rules providing that transfer of enrollment
4 from one benefit plan to another is open to all eligible employees and family
5 members. Because of the special problems that may arise involving accepta-
6 ble provider-patient relations between a particular panel of providers and a
7 particular eligible employee or family member under a comprehensive group
8 practice benefit plan, the board shall provide a procedure under which any
9 eligible employee may apply at any time to substitute another benefit plan
10 for participation in a comprehensive group practice benefit plan.

11 “(7) An eligible employee who is retired is not required to participate in
12 a health benefit plan offered under this section in order to obtain dental
13 benefit plan coverage. The board shall establish by rule standards of eligi-
14 bility for retired employees to participate in a dental benefit plan.

15 “(8) The board shall evaluate a benefit plan that serves a limited ge-
16 ographic region of this state according to the criteria described in subsection
17 (1) of this section.

18 “(9) *[By January 1, 2023, the board shall spend at least 12 percent of its*
19 *total medical expenditures in self-insured health benefit plans on payments for*
20 *primary care]* **If the board spends less than 12 percent of its total med-**
21 **ical expenditures in self-insured health benefit plans on payments for**
22 **primary care, the board shall implement a plan for increasing the**
23 **percentage of total medical expenditures spent on payments for pri-**
24 **mary care by at least one percent each year.**

25 “(10) No later than February 1 of each year, the board shall report to the
26 Legislative Assembly on **any plan implemented under subsection (9) of**
27 **this section and on** the board’s progress toward achieving the target of
28 spending at least 12 percent of total medical expenditures on payments for
29 primary care.”.

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