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SUMMARY

Authorizes Oregon Board of Dentistry to review patient charts associated with dental pilot projects approved by Oregon Health Authority.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to dental pilot projects; amending section 1, chapter 716, Oregon Laws 2011.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 716, Oregon Laws 2011, is amended to read:

Sec. 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority may approve pilot projects to encourage the development of innovative practices in oral health care delivery systems with a focus on providing care to populations that evidence-based studies have shown have the highest disease rates and the least access to dental care. The authority may approve a pilot project that is designed to:

(a) Operate for three to five years or a sufficient amount of time to evaluate the validity of the pilot project;

(b) Evaluate quality of care, access, cost, workforce and efficacy; and

(c) Achieve at least one of the following:

(A) Teach new skills to existing categories of dental personnel;

(B) Develop new categories of dental personnel;

(C) Accelerate the training of existing categories of dental personnel; or

(D) Teach new oral health care roles to previously untrained persons.

(2) The authority shall adopt rules:

- 1 (a) Establishing an application process for pilot projects;
- 2 (b) Establishing minimum standards, guidelines and instructions for pilot
3 projects; and
- 4 (c) Requiring an approved pilot project to report to the authority on the
5 progress and outcomes of the pilot project, including:
- 6 (A) The process used to evaluate the progress and outcomes of the pilot
7 project;
- 8 (B) The baseline data and information to be collected;
- 9 (C) The nature of program data that will be collected and the methods for
10 collecting and analyzing the data;
- 11 (D) The provisions for protecting the safety of patients seen or treated in
12 the project; and
- 13 (E) A statement of previous experience in providing related health care
14 services.
- 15 (3) The authority shall seek the advice of appropriate professional socie-
16 ties and licensing boards before adopting rules under subsection (2) of this
17 section.
- 18 **(4) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may, as it determines necessary,**
19 **review and provide clinical advice on patient charts that are associated**
20 **with a pilot project approved by the authority under this section. The**
21 **board shall consult with the authority regarding the board's review**
22 **of the patient charts.**
- 23 [(4)(a)] **(5)(a)** Notwithstanding ORS 679.020 and 680.020, a person may
24 practice dentistry or dental hygiene without a license as part of a pilot
25 project approved under this section under the general supervision of a den-
26 tist licensed under ORS chapter 679 and in accordance with rules adopted
27 by the authority.
- 28 (b) A person practicing dentistry or dental hygiene without a license un-
29 der this section is subject to the same standard of care and is entitled to the
30 same immunities as a person performing the services with a license.
- 31 [(5)] **(6)** The authority may accept gifts, grants or contributions from any

1 public or private source for the purpose of carrying out this section. Funds
2 received under this subsection shall be deposited in the Dental Pilot Projects
3 Fund established under section 17 [*of this 2011 Act*], **chapter 716, Oregon**
4 **Laws 2011.**

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