

SB 23 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers to submit discharge abstract records to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Deletes permission for OHA to charge fee to extended stay centers. Requires OHA to notify hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers of any changes to the data sets that must be submitted, no later than July 1 of the calendar year preceding the effective date of the changes. Allows OHA to contract with a third party to receive and process discharge abstract records.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces measure. Requires OHA to obtain directly for each hospital and ambulatory surgical center licensed in the state, or from a third party working on behalf of the hospital, discharge abstract records. Deletes permission for OHA to charge fee to hospitals and extended stay centers. Requires OHA to notify hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers of any changes to the data sets that must be submitted, no later than July 1 of the calendar year preceding the effective date of the changes. Allows OHA to contract with a third party to receive and process discharge abstract records.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Office of Health Analytics collects and analyzes data to help inform health policy development, program implementation, and system evaluation. For example, the All Payer All Claims Database (APAC) collects medical and pharmacy claims, enrollment data, premium information, and provider information for Oregonians who are insured through commercial insurance, Medicaid, and Medicare. This data is used to measure health care costs, quality and utilization.

Hospital emergency departments are a significant entry point to the health care system; approximately half of inpatient stays in Oregon start in the emergency department. While data collected in APAC can provide insight into some of these visits, it does not capture emergency department visits for the uninsured population. Current law allows OHA to request, and hospitals to voluntarily provide, ambulatory surgery and inpatient discharge records.

Senate Bill 23 make discharge data reporting mandatory for hospitals and ambulatory surgery center licensed to operate in Oregon.