

OAHHS Encourages You To Support SB 141 And The -1 Amendments

Suicide is the second leading cause of death for individuals 10-24 years of age in Oregon in 2016. In 2017, the Legislature passed HB 3090 requiring all hospitals with emergency departments to provide caring contacts and to schedule a follow-up appointment within seven days of release from an emergency department. Caring contacts must be attempted within 48 hours of release if a behavioral health clinician has determined a patient has attempted suicide or experienced suicidal ideation.

SB 141 would seek to improve the behavioral health system in two ways:

1. **Studies barriers to follow-up care.** SB 141 proposes that the Oregon Health Authority shall study the existing barriers within each community in this state that limit the availability of appropriate follow-up care for patients released or discharged from a hospital following treatment for a behavioral health crisis.
2. **Provides transitional funding.** SB 141 proposed to provide grants to hospitals for the purpose of establishing and maintaining, or contracting with a third party to provide, a process for providing caring contacts to patients who present in the emergency department with suicidal ideation or attempted suicide.

Please Join Us In Supporting SB 141 And The -1 Amendments

