

SB 765 A -A3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies definition of "primary care" and "total medical expenditures" for purposes of primary care spending reports by insurance carriers, Public Employees' Benefit Board (PEBB), Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB), and coordinated care organizations (CCOs). Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to take into account anticipated primary care spending and use of alternative payment methodologies (APMs) when determining CCO global budgets. Requires CCOs, PEBB, OEBB, and insurance carriers, no later than January 1, 2023, to reimburse a percentage, established by OHA and Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) in rule, of all primary care costs using APMs. Requires CCOs, PEBB, OEBB, and insurance carriers to annually report to OHA specifying the percentage of total medical expenditures *planned* to be spent on primary care, the percentage of spending on primary care that will be made using APMs, and the types of APMs used. Directs OHA and DCBS to establish the percentage of primary care expenditures that must be reimbursed using APMs.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A3 Clarifies carriers including PEBB, OEBB, and CCOs are required to spend at least 12 percent of their expenditures on primary care *without* increasing the total cost of care. Specifies that OHA may not consider spending on primary care by CCOs in establishing the global budget in subsequent years. Requires OHA and the Primary Care Payment Reform Collaborative to advise Increase investment in primary care up to an optimal percentage of total spending attributed to primary care, without increasing costs to consumers or increasing the total cost of health care, and report annually to the Legislative Assembly.

FISCAL: Impact statement released: indeterminate.

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

BACKGROUND:

With the passage of House Bill 2009 (2009), the Oregon legislature established the Patient-Centered Primary Care Home (PCPCH) Program. The PCPCH model fosters strong relationships with patients and their families to better care for the whole person. Research indicates that availability of primary care providers is associated with improved health outcomes, including reduced mortality rates, reduced rates of low birth weight and preventable hospitalizations, and increased self-rated health status. As of 2016, 640 clinics had been recognized as patient-centered medical homes. In 2016, researchers from Portland State University released a report that evaluated the impact of Oregon's medical homes. Key findings include:

- For every \$1 increase in primary care expenditures related to the PCPCH program, there are \$13 in savings in other services, such as specialty care, emergency department and inpatient care
- Decreases in specialty care, emergency department visits, and inpatient care
- Resulted in \$240 million in savings to Oregon's health system in the first three years

Senate Bill 231 (2015) and House Bill 4017 (2016) requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to report on the percentage of medical spending allocated to primary care by specified health insurance carriers, Public Employees' Benefit Board (PEBB), Oregon Educators

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BenefitBoard (OEBB), and coordinated care organizations (CCOs). Senate Bill 934 (2017) requires health insurance carriers, PEBB, OEBB, and CCOs to allocate at least 12 percent of their health care expenditures to primary care by 2023 and established the Primary Care Payment Reform Learning Collaborative. Commercial carriers that do not meet the 12 percent target in 2023, will be required to submit a plan to OHA and DCBS to increase the carrier's primary care spending by 1 percentage point each year. This includes PEBB and OEBB plans, as well as CCOs.

The joint report issued by OHA and DCBS in February 2019 showed that the percentage of spending on primary care in 2017 ranged from 10.6 to 16.5 percent of medical expenditures, including:

- CCOs: 16.5 percent
- Large commercial carriers: 13.4 percent
- PEBB and OEBB: 12.2 percent
- Medicare Advantage plans: 10.6 percent

Senate Bill 765-A defines key terms for primary care spending reporting and adds the requirement that health insurance carriers, PEBB, OEBB, and CCOs reimburse a percentage of all primary care costs using alternative payment methodologies.

1st Chamber vote (Senate): Ayes, 29; 1 excused.