

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: SB 177 - A

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Measure Description:

Permits clinics providing hospice care to submit Medicaid claims to Oregon Health Authority without obtaining an in-home provider license to provide palliative care services.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

SB 177 specifies that clinics providing hospice care may submit Medicaid claims to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) without obtaining an in-home provider license to provide palliative care services.

Passage of this bill may have an impact on the General Fund. However, the impact cannot be quantified at this time. Under current practice, the clinics referenced in this bill are currently providing palliative care, but due to not having an in-home provider license to provide palliative care services, are unable to submit Medicaid or Medicare claims. If these clinics obtain their licensure, these clinics would be able to submit Medicaid claims, as well as Medicare, for patients that are dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare.

Changes in licensure requirements mandated by this bill will require approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). If CMS denies this request, the state would become first payer for dual population clients. The bill will result in an increase in claims, and some claims may not be eligible for federal match, which means these would be paid with 100% General Fund.