Senate Bill 134

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Requires coordinated care organizations to develop standardized system of care to use when assessing individuals. Requires coordinated care organizations to annually submit information regarding standardized system of care to Oregon Health Authority.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to behavioral health care; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 414.

SECTION 2. (1) In order to ensure high quality care for individuals seeking behavioral health care, a coordinated care organization shall develop a standardized system of care for a behavioral health clinician to use when assessing an individual. In developing the standardized system of care, a coordinated care organization shall take into consideration:

   (a) Collaboration with industry stakeholders and individuals who use behavioral health and mental health care services, or representatives of those individuals;

   (b) Industry best practices;

   (c) Trauma-informed care decision-making methods;

   (d) Evidence-based practices;

   (e) The integration of behavioral health care and mental health care with physical health care, mental health professionals and federally qualified health centers;

   (f) Assessment tools that a behavioral health clinician should employ; and

   (g) Existing drug and treatment formularies related to behavioral health care and mental health care.

(2) A coordinated care organization shall annually submit documentation of the standardized system of care developed under this section, and the system’s use by behavioral health clinicians, to the Oregon Health Authority in a form and manner determined by the authority by rule.

SECTION 3. (1) Section 2 of this 2019 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2020.

(2) The Oregon Health Authority may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the authority to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the authority by section 2 of this 2019 Act.

SECTION 4. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

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on its passage.