

SB 134-1  
(LC 1400)  
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Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE (at the request of Multnomah County)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
SENATE BILL 134**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “care;” delete the rest of the  
2 line and insert “creating new provisions; amending ORS 414.625 and 414.635;  
3 and prescribing an effective date.”.

4 Delete lines 4 through 29 and delete page 2 and insert:

5 **“SECTION 1.** ORS 414.625, as amended by section 3, chapter 49, Oregon  
6 Laws 2018, is amended to read:

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14 private entities to provide services to members. The authority may not con-  
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17 through contractual relationships. The criteria and requirements adopted by  
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21 risk and establishing financial reserves.

1 “(b) Meet the following minimum financial requirements:

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3 percent of the coordinated care organization’s total actual or projected li-  
4 abilities above \$250,000.

5 “(B) Maintain a net worth in an amount equal to at least five percent of  
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7 health care entities.

8 “(C) Expend a portion of the annual net income or reserves of the coor-  
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10 this paragraph on services designed to address health disparities and the  
11 social determinants of health consistent with the coordinated care  
12 organization’s community health improvement plan and transformation plan  
13 and the terms and conditions of the Medicaid demonstration project under  
14 section 1115 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315).

15 “(c) Operate within a fixed global budget and, by January 1, 2023, spend  
16 on primary care, as defined in section 2, chapter 575, Oregon Laws 2015, at  
17 least 12 percent of the coordinated care organization’s total expenditures for  
18 physical and mental health care provided to members, except for expendi-  
19 tures on prescription drugs, vision care and dental care.

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21 based on health care quality and improved health outcomes.

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23 chemical dependency services, oral health care and covered long-term care  
24 services.

25 “(f) Engage community members and health care providers in improving  
26 the health of the community and addressing regional, cultural, socioeconomic  
27 and racial disparities in health care that exist among the coordinated care  
28 organization’s members and in the coordinated care organization’s commu-  
29 nity.

30 “(2) In addition to the criteria and requirements specified in subsection

1 (1) of this section, the authority must adopt by rule requirements for coordinated care organizations contracting with the authority so that:

3 “(a) Each member of the coordinated care organization receives integrated  
4 person centered care and services designed to provide choice, independence  
5 and dignity.

6 “(b) Each member has a consistent and stable relationship with a care  
7 team that is responsible for comprehensive care management and service  
8 delivery.

9 “(c) The supportive and therapeutic needs of each member are addressed  
10 in a holistic fashion, using patient centered primary care homes, behavioral  
11 health homes or other models that support patient centered primary care and  
12 behavioral health care and individualized care plans to the extent feasible.

13 “(d) Members receive comprehensive transitional care, including appropriate  
14 follow-up, when entering and leaving an acute care facility or a long  
15 term care setting.

16 “(e) Members receive assistance in navigating the health care delivery  
17 system and in accessing community and social support services and statewide  
18 resources, including through the use of certified health care interpreters and  
19 qualified health care interpreters, as those terms are defined in ORS 413.550.

20 “(f) Services and supports are geographically located as close to where  
21 members reside as possible and are, if available, offered in nontraditional  
22 settings that are accessible to families, diverse communities and underserved  
23 populations.

24 “(g) Each coordinated care organization uses health information technology  
25 to link services and care providers across the continuum of care to the  
26 greatest extent practicable and if financially viable.

27 “(h) Each coordinated care organization complies with the safeguards for  
28 members described in ORS 414.635.

29 “(i) Each coordinated care organization convenes a community advisory  
30 council that meets the criteria specified in ORS 414.627.

1 “(j) Each coordinated care organization prioritizes working with members  
2 who have high health care needs, multiple chronic conditions, mental illness  
3 or chemical dependency and involves those members in accessing and man-  
4 aging appropriate preventive, health, remedial and supportive care and ser-  
5 vices, including the services described in ORS 414.766, to reduce the use of  
6 avoidable emergency room visits and hospital admissions.

7 “(k) Members have a choice of providers within the coordinated care  
8 organization’s network and that providers participating in a coordinated care  
9 organization:

10 “(A) Work together to develop best practices for care and service delivery  
11 to reduce waste and improve the health and well-being of members.

12 “(B) Are educated about the integrated approach and how to access and  
13 communicate within the integrated system about a patient’s treatment plan  
14 and health history.

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16 practices, shared decision-making and communication.

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18 care organizations.

19 “(E) Include providers of specialty care.

20 “(F) Are selected by coordinated care organizations using universal ap-  
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22 are removed if the providers fail to meet objective quality standards.

23 “(G) Work together to develop best practices for culturally appropriate  
24 care and service delivery to reduce waste, reduce health disparities and im-  
25 prove the health and well-being of members.

26 “(L) Each coordinated care organization reports on outcome and quality  
27 measures adopted under ORS 414.638 and participates in the health care data  
28 reporting system established in ORS 442.464 and 442.466.

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7 risk of the organization;

8 “(B) A representative of a dental care organization selected by the coor-  
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10 “(C) The major components of the health care delivery system;

11 “(D) At least two health care providers in active practice, including:

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13 certified under ORS 678.375, whose area of practice is primary care; and

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21 and the organization’s community advisory councils, as necessary, to keep  
22 the community informed.

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26 **members about best practices, care quality expectations, screening**  
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16 **“SECTION 3.** ORS 414.635 is amended to read:

17 “414.635. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall adopt by rule safeguards  
18 for members enrolled in coordinated care organizations that protect against  
19 underutilization of services and inappropriate denials of services. In addition  
20 to any other consumer rights and responsibilities established by law, each  
21 member:

22 “(a) Must be encouraged to be an active partner in directing the member’s  
23 health care and services and not a passive recipient of care.

24 “(b) Must be educated about the coordinated care approach being used in  
25 the community, **including the approach to addressing behavioral health**  
26 **care, and provided with any assistance needed regarding** how to navi-  
27 gate the coordinated health care system.

28 “(c) Must have access to advocates, including qualified peer wellness  
29 specialists, peer support specialists, personal health navigators, and qualified  
30 community health workers who are part of the member’s care team to pro-

1 vide assistance that is culturally and linguistically appropriate to the  
2 member's need to access appropriate services and participate in processes  
3 affecting the member's care and services.

4 “(d) Shall be encouraged within all aspects of the integrated and coordi-  
5 nated health care delivery system to use wellness and prevention resources  
6 and to make healthy lifestyle choices.

7 “(e) Shall be encouraged to work with the member's care team, including  
8 providers and community resources appropriate to the member's needs as a  
9 whole person.

10 “(2) The authority shall establish and maintain an enrollment process for  
11 individuals who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid that promotes  
12 continuity of care and that allows the member to disenroll from a coordi-  
13 nated care organization that fails to promptly provide adequate services and:

14 “(a) To enroll in another coordinated care organization of the member's  
15 choice; or

16 “(b) If another organization is not available, to receive Medicare-covered  
17 services on a fee-for-service basis.

18 “(3) Members and their providers and coordinated care organizations have  
19 the right to appeal decisions about care and services through the authority  
20 in an expedited manner and in accordance with the contested case procedures  
21 in ORS chapter 183.

22 “(4) A health care entity may not unreasonably refuse to contract with  
23 an organization seeking to form a coordinated care organization if the par-  
24 ticipation of the entity is necessary for the organization to qualify as a co-  
25 ordinated care organization.

26 “(5) A health care entity may refuse to contract with a coordinated care  
27 organization if the reimbursement established for a service provided by the  
28 entity under the contract is below the reasonable cost to the entity for pro-  
29 viding the service.

30 “(6) A health care entity that unreasonably refuses to contract with a

1 coordinated care organization may not receive fee-for-service reimbursement  
2 from the authority for services that are available through a coordinated care  
3 organization either directly or by contract.

4 “(7)(a) The authority shall adopt by rule a process for resolving disputes  
5 involving:

6 “(A) A health care entity’s refusal to contract with a coordinated care  
7 organization under subsections (4) and (5) of this section.

8 “(B) The termination, extension or renewal of a health care entity’s con-  
9 tract with a coordinated care organization.

10 “(b) The processes adopted under this subsection must include the use of  
11 an independent third party arbitrator.

12 “(8) A coordinated care organization may not unreasonably refuse to  
13 contract with a licensed health care provider.

14 “(9) The authority shall:

15 “(a) Monitor and enforce consumer rights and protections within the  
16 Oregon Integrated and Coordinated Health Care Delivery System and ensure  
17 a consistent response to complaints of violations of consumer rights or pro-  
18 tections.

19 “(b) Monitor and report on the statewide health care expenditures and  
20 recommend actions appropriate and necessary to contain the growth in  
21 health care costs incurred by all sectors of the system.

22 **“SECTION 4. (1) The amendments to ORS 414.625 and 414.635 by  
23 sections 1 to 3 of this 2019 Act become operative on January 1, 2020.**

24 **“(2) The Oregon Health Authority may take any action before the  
25 operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is neces-  
26 sary to enable the authority to exercise, on and after the operative  
27 date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, func-  
28 tions and powers conferred on the authority by the amendments to  
29 ORS 414.625 and 414.635 by sections 1 to 3 of this 2019 Act.**

30 **“SECTION 5. This 2019 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the**

1 **date on which the 2019 regular session of the Eightieth Legislative**  
2 **Assembly adjourns sine die.”**

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