

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 11: Oregon Health Authority Mobile Crisis Services**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Human Services Subcommittee  
Carrier: Senator Lieber

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The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Committee on Ways and Means approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application request from the Oregon Health Authority to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a \$1 million planning grant to develop a Medicaid mobile crisis services option.

This planning grant opportunity, which CMS has already approved, is the result of funding authorized in the American Rescue Plan Act to support the technical assistance and community engagement necessary for states to develop a standardized Medicaid mobile response system for individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis. OHA will use this award to align Oregon's 9-8-8 crisis system and existing mobile crisis services currently provided by coordinated care organizations and community mental health programs with the new Medicaid services option. Costs will result from consulting and technical assistance activities, community and provider training, and two new limited-duration positions.

The budget impact from eventually implementing a new Medicaid mobile crisis service option will be determined during the one-year planning period. OHA's acceptance of the grant does not otherwise obligate the state to adopt the new service option when the planning work is completed. The grant does not require a state match or cost sharing.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.