

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 16: Oregon Health Authority Behavioral Health Provider Rate Increase**

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To:	Emergency Board Full Committee
From:	Human Services Subcommittee
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The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board allocate \$42.5 million General Fund from a special purpose appropriation made to the Emergency Board and increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$112 million for the Oregon Health Authority to increase behavioral health Medicaid rates by an average of 30%.

The 2022 Legislature established the special purpose appropriation to address significant challenges behavioral health providers have had with maintaining staffing levels and access to services. After conducting a review of provider payment disparities, OHA is proposing targeted rate increases across several service categories. These include residential treatment; mental health outpatient and substance use disorder services; children’s intensive psychiatric treatment; culturally and linguistically specific services; mobile crisis stabilization; applied behavior analysis; and peer delivered services.

OHA is now seeking feedback from behavioral providers, coordinated care organizations, and other stakeholders prior to requesting federal approval of the proposed rate increases.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.