

HB 2822 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health

Action Date: 03/24/21

Action: Do pass. Refer to Ways and Means.

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Lively, Moore-Green, Morgan, Nosse, Reynolds, Salinas, Sanchez, Sollman, Wright

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/8, 3/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to ensure individuals transferring from receiving mental health services under a state plan amendment governed by the provisions of 42 U.S.C 1396n(i) to a state plan amendment governed by the provisions of 42 U.S.C.1396n(k) do not lose access to mental health services. Requires DHS and OHA notify individuals in writing that individual has right to continue to receive mental health services as previously funded. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Experiences of individuals transferring plans
- Impacts of disruption of care
- Current law regarding the transfer of mental health services between plans

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The state plan amendments governed by the provisions of 42 U.S.C 1396n(i) (1915(i)) plan (or State Plan Home and Community-Based Services) and 42 U.S.C.1396n(k) (1915(k)) plan (or Community First Choice) are Medicaid waivers for home and community-based attendant services and supports to eligible Medicaid enrollees.

House Bill 2822 directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to ensure individuals transferring from receiving mental health services under one state plan amendment to another do not lose any mental health services previously funded as a result of the transfer.