

Senate Bill 12

Sponsored by Senator BEYER (Pre-session filed.)

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 benefit plans offered by Public Employees' Benefit Board and Oregon Educators Benefit Board to cover certain costs related to travel to Mexico or Canada to fill and refill prescriptions.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to health care for public employees.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2021 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 243.105 to**
5 **243.285.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) Benefit plans offered by the Public Employees' Benefit Board that reim-**
7 **burse the cost of prescription drugs must include a pharmacy tourism program that allows**
8 **an eligible employee or family member, who is not enrolled in Medicare, to fill and refill in**
9 **Mexico or Canada 90-day supplies of prescription drugs specified by the board. The program**
10 **must pay the costs of:**

11 (a) **The specified prescription drugs;**

12 (b) **Round-trip air travel to San Diego International Airport or Vancouver International**
13 **Airport;**

14 (c) **Transportation to and from a pharmacy designated by the board; and**

15 (d) **An overnight hotel stay, if necessary.**

16 (2) **The eligible employee or family member is responsible for the cost of food and for**
17 **obtaining a passport or renewing a passport.**

18 (3) **The board shall coordinate the travel for an eligible employee or family member par-**
19 **ticipating in the program.**

20 (4) **The board shall specify the prescription drugs that qualify for the program based on**
21 **anticipated net cost savings.**

22 **SECTION 3. Section 4 of this 2021 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 243.860 to**
23 **243.886.**

24 **SECTION 4. (1) Benefit plans offered by the Oregon Educators Benefit Board that reim-**
25 **burse the cost of prescription drugs must include a pharmacy tourism program that allows**
26 **an eligible employee or family member, who is not enrolled in Medicare, to fill and refill in**
27 **Mexico or Canada 90-day supplies of prescription drugs specified by the board. The program**
28 **must pay the costs of:**

29 (a) **The specified prescription drugs;**

30 (b) **Round-trip air travel to San Diego International Airport or Vancouver International**
31 **Airport;**

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.

1 (c) Transportation to and from a pharmacy designated by the board; and

2 (d) An overnight hotel stay, if necessary.

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4 obtaining a passport or renewing a passport.

5 (3) The board shall coordinate the travel for an eligible employee or family member par-
6 ticipating in the program.

7 (4) The board shall specify the prescription drugs that qualify for the program based on
8 anticipated net cost savings.

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