Senate Bill 12

Sponsored by Senator BEYER (Presession 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

Relating to health care for public employees.

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

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

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

(a) The specified prescription drugs;

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

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

(d) An overnight hotel stay, if necessary.

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

(3) The board shall coordinate the travel for an eligible employee or family member participating in the program.

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

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

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

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

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