Senate Bill 88

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SUMMARY

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Corrects statutory cross-references to community developmental disabilities programs.

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT

- Relating to community developmental disabilities programs; amending ORS 179.505, 417.349, 427.005, 430.672, 430.695 and 497.162.
- 4 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - **SECTION 1.** ORS 179.505 is amended to read:
- 6 179.505. (1) As used in this section:

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- (a) "Disclosure" means the release of, transfer of, provision of access to or divulgence in any other manner of information outside the health care services provider holding the information.
 - (b) "Health care services provider" means:
- (A) Medical personnel or other staff employed by or under contract with a public provider to provide health care or maintain written accounts of health care provided to individuals; or
- (B) Units, programs or services designated, operated or maintained by a public provider to provide health care or maintain written accounts of health care provided to individuals.
 - (c) "Individually identifiable health information" means any health information that is:
- (A) Created or received by a health care services provider; and
- (B) Identifiable to an individual, including demographic information that identifies the individual, or for which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify an individual, and that relates to:
 - (i) The past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual;
- 20 (ii) The provision of health care to an individual; or
- 21 (iii) The past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual.
 - (d) "Personal representative" includes but is not limited to:
 - (A) A person appointed as a guardian under ORS 125.305, 419B.372, 419C.481 or 419C.555 with authority to make medical and health care decisions;
 - (B) A person appointed as a health care representative under ORS 127.505 to 127.660 or a representative under ORS 127.700 to 127.737 to make health care decisions or mental health treatment decisions; and
 - (C) A person appointed as a personal representative under ORS chapter 113.
- 29 (e) "Psychotherapy notes" means notes recorded in any medium:
- 30 (A) By a mental health professional, in the performance of the official duties of the mental health professional;

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 (B) Documenting or analyzing the contents of conversation during a counseling session; and
- 2 (C) That are maintained separately from the rest of the individual's record.
- 3 (f) "Psychotherapy notes" does not mean notes documenting:
- 4 (A) Medication prescription and monitoring;
- 5 (B) Counseling session start and stop times;
- 6 (C) Modalities and frequencies of treatment furnished;
- (D) Results of clinical tests; or
- 8 (E) Any summary of the following items:
- 9 (i) Diagnosis;
- 10 (ii) Functional status;
- 11 (iii) Treatment plan;
- 12 (iv) Symptoms;

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- 13 (v) Prognosis; or
- 14 (vi) Progress to date.
- 15 (g) "Public provider" means:
- 16 (A) The Oregon State Hospital campuses;
- 17 (B) Department of Corrections institutions as defined in ORS 421.005;
- 18 (C) A contractor of the Department of Corrections or the Oregon Health Authority that provides 19 health care to individuals residing in a state institution operated by the agencies;
 - (D) A community mental health program or community developmental disabilities program as described in ORS 430.610 to 430.695 and the public and private entities with which it contracts to provide mental health or developmental disabilities programs or services;
 - (E) A program or service provided under ORS 431.001 to 431.550 and 431.990;
 - (F) A community mental health program or service established or maintained under ORS 430.630 or [430.664] a community developmental disabilities program described in ORS 430.620 (1)(a) or (c);
 - (G) A program or facility providing an organized full-day or part-day program of treatment that is licensed, approved, established, maintained or operated by or contracted with the Oregon Health Authority for alcoholism, drug addiction or mental or emotional disturbance;
 - (H) A program or service providing treatment by appointment that is licensed, approved, established, maintained or operated by or contracted with the authority for alcoholism, drug addiction or mental or emotional disturbance; or
 - (I) The impaired health professional program established under ORS 676.190.
 - (h) "Written account" means records containing only individually identifiable health information.
 - (2) Except as provided in subsections (3), (4), (6), (7), (8), (9), (11), (12), (14), (15), (16), (17) and (18) of this section or unless otherwise permitted or required by state or federal law or by order of the court, written accounts of the individuals served by any health care services provider maintained in or by the health care services provider by the officers or employees thereof who are authorized to maintain written accounts within the official scope of their duties are not subject to access and may not be disclosed. This subsection applies to written accounts maintained in or by facilities of the Department of Corrections only to the extent that the written accounts concern the medical, dental or psychiatric treatment as patients of those under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections.
 - (3) If the individual or a personal representative of the individual provides an authorization, the content of any written account referred to in subsection (2) of this section must be disclosed ac-

cordingly, if the authorization is in writing and is signed and dated by the individual or the personal representative of the individual and sets forth with specificity the following:

- (a) Name of the health care services provider authorized to make the disclosure, except when the authorization is provided by recipients of or applicants for public assistance or medical assistance, as defined in ORS 414.025, to a governmental entity for purposes of determining eligibility for benefits or investigating for fraud;
- (b) Name or title of the persons or organizations to which the information is to be disclosed or that information may be disclosed to the public;
 - (c) Name of the individual;

- (d) Extent or nature of the information to be disclosed; and
- (e) Statement that the authorization is subject to revocation at any time except to the extent that action has been taken in reliance thereon, and a specification of the date, event or condition upon which it expires without express revocation. However, a revocation of an authorization is not valid with respect to inspection or records necessary to validate expenditures by or on behalf of governmental entities.
- (4) The content of any written account referred to in subsection (2) of this section may be disclosed without an authorization:
 - (a) To any person to the extent necessary to meet a medical emergency.
- (b) At the discretion of the responsible officer of the health care services provider, which in the case of any Oregon Health Authority facility or community mental health program is the Director of the Oregon Health Authority, to persons engaged in scientific research, program evaluation, peer review and fiscal audits. However, individual identities may not be disclosed to such persons, except when the disclosure is essential to the research, evaluation, review or audit and is consistent with state and federal law.
- (c) To governmental agencies when necessary to secure compensation for services rendered in the treatment of the individual.
- (5) When an individual's identity is disclosed under subsection (4) of this section, a health care services provider shall prepare, and include in the permanent records of the health care services provider, a written statement indicating the reasons for the disclosure, the written accounts disclosed and the recipients of the disclosure.
- (6) The content of any written account referred to in subsection (2) of this section and held by a health care services provider currently engaged in the treatment of an individual may be disclosed to officers or employees of that provider, its agents or cooperating health care services providers who are currently acting within the official scope of their duties to evaluate treatment programs, to diagnose or treat or to assist in diagnosing or treating an individual when the written account is to be used in the course of diagnosing or treating the individual. Nothing in this subsection prevents the transfer of written accounts referred to in subsection (2) of this section among health care services providers, the Department of Corrections, the Oregon Health Authority or a local correctional facility when the transfer is necessary or beneficial to the treatment of an individual.
- (7) When an action, suit, claim, arbitration or proceeding is brought under ORS 34.105 to 34.240 or 34.310 to 34.730 and involves a claim of constitutionally inadequate medical care, diagnosis or treatment, or is brought under ORS 30.260 to 30.300 and involves the Department of Corrections or an institution operated by the department, nothing in this section prohibits the disclosure of any written account referred to in subsection (2) of this section to the Department of Justice, Oregon Department of Administrative Services, or their agents, upon request, or the subsequent disclosure

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to a court, administrative hearings officer, arbitrator or other administrative decision maker.

- (8)(a) When an action, suit, claim, arbitration or proceeding involves the Oregon Health Authority or an institution operated by the authority, nothing in this section prohibits the disclosure of any written account referred to in subsection (2) of this section to the Department of Justice, Oregon Department of Administrative Services, or their agents.
- (b) Disclosure of information in an action, suit, claim, nonlabor arbitration or proceeding is limited by the relevancy restrictions of ORS 40.010 to 40.585, 183.710 to 183.730, 183.745 and 183.750 and ORS chapter 183. Only written accounts of a plaintiff, claimant or petitioner shall be disclosed under this paragraph.
- (c) Disclosure of information as part of a labor arbitration or proceeding to support a personnel action taken against staff is limited to written accounts directly relating to alleged action or inaction by staff for which the personnel action was imposed.
- (9)(a) The copy of any written account referred to in subsection (2) of this section, upon written request of the individual or a personal representative of the individual, shall be disclosed to the individual or the personal representative of the individual within a reasonable time not to exceed five working days. The individual or the personal representative of the individual shall have the right to timely access to any written accounts.
- (b) If the disclosure of psychiatric or psychological information contained in the written account would constitute an immediate and grave detriment to the treatment of the individual, disclosure may be denied, if medically contraindicated by the treating physician or a licensed health care professional in the written account of the individual.
 - (c) The Department of Corrections may withhold psychiatric or psychological information if:
 - (A) The information relates to an individual other than the individual seeking it.
 - (B) Disclosure of the information would constitute a danger to another individual.
 - (C) Disclosure of the information would compromise the privacy of a confidential source.
- (d) However, a written statement of the denial under paragraph (c) of this subsection and the reasons therefor must be entered in the written account.
- (10) A health care services provider may require a person requesting disclosure of the contents of a written account under this section to reimburse the provider for the reasonable costs incurred in searching files, abstracting if requested and copying if requested. However, an individual or a personal representative of the individual may not be denied access to written accounts concerning the individual because of inability to pay.
- (11) A written account referred to in subsection (2) of this section may not be used to initiate or substantiate any criminal, civil, administrative, legislative or other proceedings conducted by federal, state or local authorities against the individual or to conduct any investigations of the individual. If the individual, as a party to an action, suit or other judicial proceeding, voluntarily produces evidence regarding an issue to which a written account referred to in subsection (2) of this section would be relevant, the contents of that written account may be disclosed for use in the proceeding.
- (12) Information obtained in the course of diagnosis, evaluation or treatment of an individual that, in the professional judgment of the health care services provider, indicates a clear and immediate danger to others or to society may be reported to the appropriate authority. A decision not to disclose information under this subsection does not subject the provider to any civil liability. Nothing in this subsection may be construed to alter the provisions of ORS 146.750, 146.760, 419B.010, 419B.015, 419B.020, 419B.025, 419B.030, 419B.035, 419B.040 and 419B.045.

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- (13) The prohibitions of this section apply to written accounts concerning any individual who has been treated by any health care services provider irrespective of whether or when the individual ceases to receive treatment.
- (14) Persons other than the individual or the personal representative of the individual who are granted access under this section to the contents of a written account referred to in subsection (2) of this section may not disclose the contents of the written account to any other person except in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- (15) Nothing in this section prevents the Department of Human Services or the Oregon Health Authority from disclosing the contents of written accounts in its possession to individuals or agencies with whom children in its custody are placed.
- (16) The system described in ORS 192.517 (1) shall have access to records, as defined in ORS 192.515, as provided in ORS 192.517.
- (17)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, a health care services provider must obtain an authorization from an individual or a personal representative of the individual to disclose psychotherapy notes.
- (b) A health care services provider may use or disclose psychotherapy notes without obtaining an authorization from the individual or a personal representative of the individual to carry out the following treatment, payment and health care operations:
 - (A) Use by the originator of the psychotherapy notes for treatment;
- (B) Disclosure by the health care services provider for its own training program in which students, trainees or practitioners in mental health learn under supervision to practice or improve their skills in group, joint, family or individual counseling; or
- (C) Disclosure by the health care services provider to defend itself in a legal action or other proceeding brought by the individual or a personal representative of the individual.
- (c) An authorization for the disclosure of psychotherapy notes may not be combined with an authorization for a disclosure of any other individually identifiable health information, but may be combined with another authorization for a disclosure of psychotherapy notes.
- (18) A health care services provider may disclose information contained in a written account if the conditions of ORS 192.567 (1) to (5) or 192.577 are met.

SECTION 2. ORS 417.349 is amended to read:

417.349. In accordance with ORS 417.342 and 417.344, the Department of Human Services shall provide family support services throughout the department. Notwithstanding ORS 430.640 and [430.664] 430.662, the department may contract directly with community organizations for the provision of family support services.

SECTION 3. ORS 427.005 is amended to read:

427.005. As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Adaptive behavior" means the effectiveness or degree with which an individual meets the standards of personal independence and social responsibility expected for age and cultural group.
 - (2) "Care" means:
- (a) Supportive services, including, but not limited to, provision of room and board;
 - (b) Supervision;

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- (c) Protection; and
- 43 (d) Assistance in bathing, dressing, grooming, eating, management of money, transportation or 44 recreation.
 - (3) "Community developmental disabilities program director" means the director of [an entity

that provides services described in ORS 430.664 to persons with intellectual disabilities or other developmental disabilities] a community developmental disabilities program described in ORS 430.620 (1)(a) or (c).

- (4) "Developmental disability" means autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy or other condition diagnosed by a qualified professional that:
 - (a) Originates before an individual is 22 years of age and is expected to continue indefinitely;
- (b) Results in a significant impairment in adaptive behavior as measured by a qualified professional;
- (c) Is not attributed primarily to other conditions including, but not limited to, a mental or emotional disorder, sensory impairment, substance abuse, personality disorder, learning disability or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder; and
 - (d) Requires supports similar to those required by an individual with an intellectual disability.
- (5) "Director of the facility" means the person in charge of care, treatment and training programs at a facility.
- (6) "Facility" means a group home, activity center, community mental health clinic or other facility or program that the Department of Human Services approves to provide necessary services to persons with intellectual disabilities or other developmental disabilities.
- (7) "Incapacitated" means a person is unable, without assistance, to properly manage or take care of personal affairs, including but not limited to financial and medical decision-making, or is incapable, without assistance, of self-care.
- (8) "Independence" means the extent to which persons with intellectual disabilities or other developmental disabilities exert control and choice over their own lives.
 - (9) "Integration" means:

- (a) Use by persons with intellectual disabilities or other developmental disabilities of the same community resources that are used by and available to other persons;
- (b) Participation by persons with intellectual disabilities or other developmental disabilities in the same community activities in which persons without disabilities participate, together with regular contact with persons without disabilities; and
- (c) Residence by persons with intellectual disabilities or other developmental disabilities in homes or in home-like settings that are in proximity to community resources, together with regular contact with persons without disabilities in their community.
- (10)(a) "Intellectual disability" means an intelligence quotient of 70 or below as measured by a qualified professional and existing concurrently with significant impairment in adaptive behavior, that is manifested before the individual is 18 years of age.
- (b) An individual with intelligence quotients of 71 through 75 may be considered to have an intellectual disability if there is also significant impairment in adaptive behavior, as diagnosed and measured by a qualified professional.
 - (c) The impairment in adaptive behavior must be directly related to the intellectual disability.
 - (11) "Minor" means an unmarried person under 18 years of age.
 - (12) "Naturopathic physician" has the meaning given the term in ORS 685.010.
- (13) "Physician" means a person licensed by the Oregon Medical Board to practice medicine and surgery.
- (14) "Productivity" means regular engagement in income-producing work, preferably competitive employment with supports and accommodations to the extent necessary, by a person with an intellectual disability or another developmental disability which is measured through improvements in

- income level, employment status or job advancement or engagement by a person with an intellectual disability or another developmental disability in work contributing to a household or community.
- (15) "Service coordination" means person-centered planning, case management, procuring, coordinating and monitoring of services under an individualized support plan to establish desired outcomes, determine needs and identify resources for a person with developmental disabilities and advocating for the person.
 - (16) "Training" means:

- (a) The systematic, planned maintenance, development or enhancement of self-care, social or independent living skills; or
- (b) The planned sequence of systematic interactions, activities, structured learning situations or education designed to meet each person's specified needs in the areas of physical, emotional, intellectual and social growth.
- (17) "Treatment" means the provision of specific physical, mental, social interventions and therapies that halt, control or reverse processes that cause, aggravate or complicate malfunctions or dysfunctions.

SECTION 4. ORS 430.672 is amended to read:

- 430.672. (1) A county may impose only standards, requirements and conditions for mental health or developmental disabilities programs that are substantially similar to the standards, requirements and conditions established for such programs by the Department of Human Services or the Oregon Health Authority.
- (2) When a county contracts with a public agency or private corporation for a community mental health program or community developmental disabilities program, the county shall include in the contract only terms that are substantially similar to model contract terms developed by the authority under ORS 430.640 or the department under ORS 430.662. The county may not add contractual requirements, including qualifications for contractor selection, that are nonessential to the services provided under ORS 430.630 or [430.664] 430.662. The county may add contract requirements that the county considers necessary to ensure the siting and maintenance of facilities of the community mental health program or community developmental disabilities program.
- (3) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section apply only insofar as funds are provided by the department to the county for community developmental disabilities programs or by the authority to the county for community mental health programs and do not apply to programs operated by counties without funding from the department or the authority.

SECTION 5. ORS 430.695 is amended to read:

- 430.695. (1) Any program fees, third-party reimbursements, contributions or funds from any source, except client resources applied toward the cost of care in group homes for persons with developmental disabilities or mental illness and client resources and third-party payments for community psychiatric inpatient care, received by a community mental health program or a community developmental disabilities program are not an offset to the costs of the services and may not be applied to reduce the program's eligibility for state funds, providing the funds are expended for mental health or developmental disabilities services approved by the Oregon Health Authority or the Department of Human Services.
- (2) Within the limits of available funds, the authority and the department may contract for specialized, statewide and regional services including but not limited to group homes for persons with developmental disabilities or mental or emotional disturbances, day and residential treatment programs for children and adolescents with mental or emotional disturbances and community services

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for clients of the Psychiatric Security Review Board under ORS 161.315 to 161.351.

(3) Fees and third-party reimbursements, including all amounts paid pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act by the Department of Human Services or the Oregon Health Authority, for mental health services or developmental disabilities services and interest earned on those fees and reimbursements shall be retained by the community mental health program or community developmental disabilities program and expended for any service that meets the standards of ORS 430.630 or [430.664] 430.662.

SECTION 6. ORS 497.162 is amended to read:

- 497.162. (1) Upon application of the Oregon Youth Authority, the Oregon Health Authority or the Department of Human Services, the State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall issue, without fee, a license to angle for the temporary use of any person in a state institution as described in ORS 179.610, any student in a youth correction facility or related camps or programs operated by the Oregon Youth Authority, any child placed by the department and under the care of a foster home or a child-caring agency licensed, certified or otherwise authorized by the department under ORS 418.205 to 418.327, any person in an alternative to state hospitalization program as described in ORS 430.630 (2)(b) or (c), or any person receiving services [under ORS 430.664] from a community developmental disabilities program under ORS 430.620 (1)(a) or (c). The licenses issued under this subsection shall be in bearer form and, subject to applicable laws and regulations relating to angling, shall be used as the agency applying for the license directs.
- (2) Upon application of the Department of Human Services, the commission shall issue, without fee, a license to take shellfish for the temporary use of any child placed by the department and under the care of a foster home or a child-caring agency licensed, certified or otherwise authorized by the department under ORS 418.205 to 418.327. The licenses issued under this subsection shall be in bearer form and, subject to applicable laws and regulations relating to taking shellfish, shall be used as the department directs.
- (3) Upon application of the director of any veteran's administration hospital or domiciliary within this state, the commission shall issue, without fee, to each hospital or domiciliary 30 licenses to angle or to take shellfish for the temporary use of any person who is a patient or resident in the hospital or domiciliary. The licenses issued under this subsection shall be in bearer form and, subject to applicable laws and regulations relating to angling and to taking shellfish, shall be used as the director of the hospital or domiciliary provides.