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TO: House Interim Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care
FROM: Brian Niebuurt, LPRO Analyst
DATE: January 5, 2024
RE: Summary of 2024 Committee Legislative Concepts

LC 282 (1/4/24)

- **Drugs** (Sections 1 – 3): Permits addition of flavoring to drugs under specified conditions. Prohibits prescription drug manufacturer from denying or restricting access by contract pharmacy to drugs dispensed by pharmacy on behalf of covered entity.
- **Hospital Staffing** (Sections 4 and 5): Exempts Oregon State Hospital from staffing requirements of [HB 2697](#) (2023).
- **Health Insurance** (Sections 6 and 7): Clarifies responsibilities of health insurers providing coverage to individuals in need of health care interpretation services.
- **Health Care Providers** (Sections 8 and 9): Clarifies definition of “primary care provider” to include clinics and provider teams for purposes of assignment by insurance carrier.
- **Professional Disclosure Statement** (Sections 10 and 11): Removes requirement that applicants and licensees of Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists submit professional disclosure statement to Board for approval.
- **Tax Credit** (Sections 12 and 13): Eliminates requirement that optometrist have hospital consulting privileges in order to be eligible for rural medical provider tax credit.
- **Protected Health Information** (Section 14): Clarifies type of acknowledgement required on protection health information (PHI) release form.
- **Physician Assistants** (Sections 15 - 172): Changes title “physician assistant” to “physician associate.”

LC 283 (1/5/24)

- **Insurance Coverage** (Sections 1 - 7): Prohibits health insurance carrier from imposing cost sharing on medically necessary cervical cancer examination. Requires medical assistance (i.e. Oregon Health Plan) coverage of continuous glucose monitors in specified circumstances.
- **Dental Laboratory Registration** (Sections 8 – 26): Requires dental laboratory to register with Health Licensing Office. Requires dental laboratory to provide material content disclosure to dentist who prescribes work order for dental prosthetic appliance or other artificial material or device.
- **Nurse Educators** (Sections 27 and 28): Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to provide grants to Oregon Center for Nursing to work with state’s nursing education

programs to recruit and retain nurses at public and private institutions of higher education. Appropriates \$5 million to OHA for grants.

- **Behavioral Health Providers** (Section 29 and 30): Requires OHA to enter into agreement with Mental Health and Addiction Certification Board of Oregon (MHACBO) to provide incentives to increase recruitment and retention of behavioral health workforce. Appropriates \$1 million to OHA for incentives.
- **Harm Reduction Clearinghouse** (Sections 31 and 32): Establishes Harm Reduction Clearinghouse Project in OHA for purpose of making bulk purchases of harm reduction supplies that prevent overdose, infections, and injuries related to substance use.

LC 284 (1/3/24): Prohibits specified coverage requirements or limitations for clinician-administered drugs by health benefit plans providing coverage of enrollee with chronic, complex, rare, or life-threatening medical condition.