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## SUMMARY

Digest: The Act requires CCOs to contract with providers of services to which there is limited access. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.6).

Requires coordinated care organizations to contract with providers outside of a particular geographic area when the area has limited access to a medical assistance care or service. Directs the Oregon Health Authority to identify the medical assistance care or services to which there is limited access.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to coordinated care organizations; creating new provisions; amend-  
3 ing ORS 414.609; and prescribing an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 414.609, as amended by section 10, chapter 70, Oregon  
6 Laws 2024, is amended to read:

7 414.609. (1) A coordinated care organization that contracts with the  
8 Oregon Health Authority must maintain a network of providers, including  
9 but not limited to addiction treatment providers, sufficient in numbers and  
10 areas of practice and geographically distributed in a manner to ensure that  
11 the health services provided under the contract are reasonably accessible to  
12 members.

13 **(2)(a) In any geographic area served by a coordinated care organ-**  
14 **ization where the authority identifies a medical assistance care or**  
15 **service for which there is limited access, the coordinated care organ-**  
16 **ization shall contract with a number of providers of the care or service**  
17 **that are located outside of the geographic area sufficient to satisfy the**

1 requirements of subsection (1) of this section.

2 (b) The authority shall identify the medical assistance care or ser-  
3 vices to which there is limited access in each geographic area served  
4 by one or more coordinated care organizations in this state, including  
5 but not limited to geographic areas where there is limited access to  
6 acute psychiatric care for children and for adolescents.

7 [(2)] (3) A member may transfer from one organization to another organ-  
8 ization no more than once during each enrollment period.

9 **SECTION 2.** The amendments to ORS 414.609 by section 1 of this  
10 2025 Act apply to contracts between a coordinated care organization  
11 and the Oregon Health Authority entered into, amended or renewed  
12 on or after the operative date specified in section 3 of this 2025 Act.

13 **SECTION 3.** (1) The amendments to ORS 414.609 by section 1 of this  
14 2025 Act become operative on January 1, 2026.

15 (2) The Oregon Health Authority may take any action before the  
16 operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is neces-  
17 sary to enable the authority to exercise, on and after the operative  
18 date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, func-  
19 tions and powers conferred on the authority by the amendments to  
20 ORS 414.609 by section 1 of this 2025 Act.

21 **SECTION 4.** This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date  
22 on which the 2025 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative As-  
23 sembly adjourns sine die.

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