

## SB 497 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Health Care

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**Action Date:** 03/06/23

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

**Vote:** 4-1-0-0

**Yeas:** 4 - Campos, Gorsek, Hayden, Patterson

**Nays:** 1 - Bonham

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/27, 3/6

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires medical assistance programs and health insurance plans in Oregon to cover the cost of computerized tomography coronary calcium score scans. Requires coverage of scans with or without contrast when ordered by a licensed provider in a cardiology unit or a preventive cardiology unit for a patient at high risk for cardiovascular disease. Requires coverage of scans without contrast when ordered by a licensed health care provider within the provider's scope of practice. Applies to plans issued, renewed, extended on or after January 1, 2024.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Cost of screening

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Specifies when coverage is required for scans with and without contrast.

#### BACKGROUND:

A computerized tomography coronary calcium score scan is a screening exam that uses computerized tomography (CT) to detect calcium deposits in the coronary arteries of the heart. A higher coronary calcium-score suggests a higher chance of significant narrowing in the coronary arteries and a higher risk of future heart attack ([link](#) to Cleveland Clinic overview).

Senate Bill 497 A requires the Oregon Health Plan and health benefit plans in Oregon to cover computerized tomography coronary calcium score scans when ordered by a licensed provider.