House Bill 2545

Sponsored by Representative NOSSE (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 health insurance reimbursement of cost of behavioral health care services provided by master's degree level students under clinical supervision.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to behavioral health services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of the Insurance Code.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, “behavioral health care provider” means a behavioral health care provider as prescribed by the Oregon Health Authority under ORS 675.655.

(2) A policy or certificate of health insurance that reimburses the cost of behavioral health services shall reimburse the cost of covered behavioral health services provided by a behavioral health care provider, who is under clinical supervision in the last 12 months of a master’s degree level program, in the same amount and using the same methodology as a licensed behavioral health care provider in the same discipline is reimbursed for the same service.

(3) The provisions of this section are exempt from ORS 743A.001.

SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2023 Act applies to policies or certificates of health insurance issued, renewed or extended on or after the effective date of this 2023 Act.

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.