Senate Bill 463

Sponsored by Senator HANSELL (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.

Prohibits health benefit plans from imposing prior authorization or other utilization review requirements on coverage of proton beam therapy that do not apply to coverage of radiation therapy.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to proton beam therapy; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 743A.130.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 743A.130 is amended to read:

743A.130. (1) A health benefit plan, as defined in ORS 743B.005, that provides coverage of radiation therapy for the treatment of prostate cancer must provide coverage for proton beam therapy for the treatment of prostate cancer on a basis no less favorable than the coverage of radiation therapy including with respect to prior authorization or other utilization review requirements.

[(2) The coverage of proton beam therapy under subsection (1) of this section may be subject to prior authorization, as defined in ORS 743B.001, or other utilization review, as defined in ORS 743B.001, if the prior authorization or utilization review applied to proton beam therapy is no more restrictive than the prior authorization or utilization review applied to radiation therapy.]

[3) (2)] (2) This section is exempt from ORS 743A.001.

SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 743A.130 by section 1 of this 2023 Act apply to health benefit plans 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.