

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 492

By COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

April 6

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “program” delete the rest of the line and delete line
2 3 and insert a period.

3 Delete lines 5 through 31 and delete pages 2 through 13 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall study policies and practices govern-**
5 **ing the provision of and payments for health services in the medical assistance program**
6 **under ORS chapter 414, including an assessment, at a minimum, of the following issues:**

7 **“(a) The Health Evidence Review Commission and its use of research and analysis, in-**
8 **cluding research that:**

9 **“(A) Studies health outcomes that are priorities for persons with disabilities who expe-**
10 **rience specific diseases or illnesses, through surveys and other methods of identifying pri-**
11 **ority outcomes for individuals who experience the diseases or illnesses;**

12 **“(B) Studies subgroups of patients who experience specific diseases or illnesses, to ensure**
13 **consideration of any important differences and clinical characteristics applicable to the sub-**
14 **groups; and**

15 **“(C) Considers the full range of relevant, peer-reviewed evidence and avoids harm to pa-**
16 **tients caused by undue emphasis on evidence that is deemed inconclusive of clinical differ-**
17 **ences without further investigation.**

18 **“(b) The use of the prioritized list of health services, developed by the commission under**
19 **ORS 414.690, and the impact of the prioritized list on access to medically necessary treat-**
20 **ment and services by recipients of medical assistance, including members of coordinated care**
21 **organizations.**

22 **“(c) The impact of the prioritized list on the authority’s policy initiatives, including the**
23 **goal to achieve equitable access to health care by 2030, and the implementation of policy**
24 **objectives included in the demonstration project approved by the Centers for Medicare and**
25 **Medicaid Services under 42 U.S.C. 1315.**

26 **“(d) The use of any quality of life measures, either directly or by considering research**
27 **or analysis that takes into account a measure of an individual’s quality of life, in determining**
28 **whether a service is cost-effective, whether a service is recommended, or the value of a**
29 **service.**

30 **“(e) The use of prior authorization or other utilization management procedures and their**
31 **impact on access to medically necessary treatment and services, specifically among persons**
32 **with disabilities or chronic illnesses.**

33 **“(f) The use of vendors to provide or compile research and analysis that is considered**
34 **by the commission, including the vendors’ funding sources, and any conflicts of interest that**
35 **a vendor may have with respect to the research and analysis provided.**

1 “(g) The opportunity for public participation and engagement with the commission’s re-
2 view process, including timely public notice of actions, use of executive sessions to hear ev-
3 idence from advisory committees, subcommittees or panels of experts and the applicability
4 of ORS 192.610 to 192.690 to meetings of the advisory committees or subcommittees described
5 in ORS 414.689.

6 “(2) The authority shall submit a report, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, of the
7 authority’s study and assessments under subsection (1) of this section, and shall include
8 recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly re-
9 lated to health no later than September 15, 2024.

10 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.”.

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