

# Senate Bill 797

Sponsored by Senator GELSER BLOUIN, Representative REYNOLDS

## SUMMARY

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Requires coverage under health insurance policy for prosthetic and orthotic devices.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to medical devices.

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

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

4 **SECTION 2.** (1) As used in this section:

5 (a) "Orthotic device" means a rigid or semirigid device supporting a weak or deformed  
6 leg, foot, arm, hand, back or neck, or restricting or eliminating motion in a diseased or in-  
7 jured leg, foot, arm, hand, back or neck.

8 (b) "Prosthetic device" means an artificial limb device or appliance designed to replace  
9 in whole or in part an arm or a leg.

10 (2) All individual and group health insurance policies that reimburse the cost of hospital,  
11 medical or surgical services or supplies shall provide coverage for prosthetic and orthotic  
12 devices that are medically necessary to restore or maintain the ability to complete activities  
13 of daily living or essential job-related activities and that are not solely for comfort or con-  
14 venience. The coverage required by this subsection includes all services and supplies med-  
15 ically necessary for the effective use of a prosthetic or orthotic device, including design  
16 formulation, fabrication, material and component selection, measurements, fittings, static  
17 and dynamic alignments and patient instruction in the use of the device.

18 (3) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services shall adopt and  
19 annually update rules listing the prosthetic and orthotic devices covered under this section.  
20 The list shall be no more restrictive than the list of prosthetic and orthotic devices and  
21 supplies in the Medicare fee schedule for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics  
22 and Supplies, but only to the extent consistent with this section.

23 (4) The coverage required by subsection (2) of this section may be made subject to, and  
24 no more restrictive than, the provisions of a health insurance policy that apply to other  
25 benefits under the policy.

26 (5) The coverage required by subsection (2) of this section shall include any repair or  
27 replacement of a prosthetic or orthotic device that is determined medically necessary to re-  
28 store or maintain the ability to complete activities of daily living or essential job-related ac-  
29 tivities and that is not solely for comfort or convenience.

30 (6) If the coverage under subsection (2) of this section is provided through a managed  
31 care organization, the insured shall have access to medically necessary clinical care and to  
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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.

1 **prosthetic and orthotic devices and technology from not fewer than two distinct Oregon**  
2 **prosthetic and orthotic providers in the managed care organization's provider network.**

3 **(7) This section is exempt from ORS 743A.001.**

4 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2023 Act applies to policies or certificates of health insur-**  
5 **ance issued, renewed or extended on or after the effective date of this 2023 Act.**

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