

## HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2506

By JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADDICTION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY RESPONSE

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 5 through 24.

2 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 36 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission shall, in collaboration with the**  
4 **Oregon Health Authority, develop statewide polices and practices to support:**

5 **“(a) Appropriate screening for substance use disorders in physical health care settings,**  
6 **including emergency departments, community behavioral health settings and primary care**  
7 **settings;**

8 **“(b) Increased and consistent availability of medications for opioid use disorder in phys-**  
9 **ical health care settings, including emergency departments, community behavioral health**  
10 **settings and primary care settings; and**

11 **“(c) A transition to care in the community for individuals with substance use disorders**  
12 **who are discharging from an acute care setting.**

13 **“(2) The statewide policies and practices developed under this section must include best**  
14 **practice standards for individuals with substance use disorders that are similar to best**  
15 **practice standards for individuals with other health conditions, including standards for:**

16 **“(a) Providing referrals to follow-up care, including the time frames within which an in-**  
17 **itial referral must be made and the availability of follow-up services to which an individual**  
18 **is referred;**

19 **“(b) Screening and appropriate referrals for the treatment of substance use disorders in**  
20 **emergency departments;**

21 **“(c) Providing access to medications for opioid use disorder including opioid overdose**  
22 **reversal medications and medications for substance use disorder management, if medically**  
23 **indicated; and**

24 **“(d) Treating individuals under 18 years of age who have substance use disorders with**  
25 **medications for opioid use disorder.**

26 **“(3) The commission shall offer training and technical assistance to each hospital system**  
27 **in this state to ensure that each hospital system is fully integrated into the treatment**  
28 **continuum for substance use disorders. The training and technical assistance must include,**  
29 **but is not limited to, the following topics:**

30 **“(a) Knowledge and availability of referrals to substance use disorder treatment;**

31 **“(b) Prescribing practices and policies regarding medications for opioid use disorder; and**

32 **“(c) Provider attitudes toward medications for opioid use disorder and substance use**  
33 **disorder treatment.**

34 **“(4) No later than September 30, 2026, the commission shall report to the interim com-**  
35 **mittees of the Legislative Assembly related to health, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245,**

1 on the development of statewide policies and practices under this section and shall identify:

2 “(a) Regional needs related to substance use disorder treatment;

3 “(b) Any barriers to accessing medications for opioid use disorder; and

4 “(c) Recommendations for supporting access to medications for opioid use disorder.

5 “**SECTION 2.** (1) The Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission shall assess current programs  
6 and funding that may support patient referrals from emergency departments to low-barrier  
7 community substance use disorder clinics and other community-based outpatient providers  
8 of substance use disorder treatment.

9 “(2) No later than September 30, 2026, the commission shall report to the interim com-  
10 mittees of the Legislative Assembly related to health, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245,  
11 regarding recommendations to align current programs and funding to support the patient  
12 referrals described in subsection (1) of this section.

13 “**SECTION 3.** (1) As used in this section, ‘medical assistance’ has the meaning given that  
14 term in ORS 414.025.

15 “(2) The Oregon Health Authority, in collaboration with the Alcohol and Drug Policy  
16 Commission, shall develop recommendations to develop an enhanced funding model to:

17 “(a) Incentivize community-based outpatient providers of substance use disorder treat-  
18 ment to accept referrals from emergency departments and emergency medical services pro-  
19 viders and to treat referred individuals with medications for opioid use disorder; and

20 “(b) Promote short-term and long-term prescribing of medications for opioid use disorder  
21 by increasing reimbursement rates in the medical assistance program and creating other  
22 incentives for community-based outpatient providers of substance use disorder treatment  
23 that prescribe medications for opioid use disorder.

24 “(3) No later than September 30, 2026, the authority and the commission shall report to  
25 the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health, in the manner pro-  
26 vided by ORS 192.245, regarding the recommendations developed under subsection (2) of this  
27 section.”

28 On page 4, line 38, delete “and 2” and insert “to 3”.  
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