

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3229

By COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

April 7

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 26 and delete page 2 and insert:

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

3 **“(a) ‘Medical assistance’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 414.025.**

4 **“(b) ‘Provider’ means an individual who is licensed, certified or otherwise authorized to**
5 **provide behavioral health care services in this state.**

6 **“(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall expedite the process for enrolling providers in the**
7 **medical assistance program by utilizing separate workflows to process:**

8 **“(a) Initial applications for enrollment;**

9 **“(b) Administrative changes to a provider’s enrollment, including a change in the**
10 **provider’s contact information or employer; and**

11 **“(c) Credentialing changes to a provider’s enrollment, including updates to a provider’s**
12 **licensure or certification.**

13 **“(3) If the authority approves an application in error, the authority shall notify both the**
14 **applicant contact and the applicant’s employer of the error.**

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

16 **“(a) ‘Medical assistance’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 414.025.**

17 **“(b) ‘Provider’ has the meaning given that term in section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

18 **“(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall study the feasibility of developing and imple-**
19 **menting an automated, online tool for applications to enroll providers in the medical assist-**
20 **ance program that would:**

21 **“(a) Simplify the processes for initial provider enrollment applications and changes to a**
22 **provider’s enrollment;**

23 **“(b) Utilize rule-based programming to ensure that an application includes all required**
24 **information before the application may be submitted; and**

25 **“(c) Enable providers and provider organizations to view the status of a pending appli-**
26 **cation.**

27 **“(3) The authority shall submit a report on the study conducted under this section, in**
28 **the manner provided by ORS 192.245, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly**
29 **related to health no later than December 15, 2026, and shall include recommendations about:**

30 **“(a) Potential short-term improvements that could be made by modifying existing soft-**
31 **ware or acquiring new tools;**

32 **“(b) The availability of federal funding to develop and implement the application tool de-**
33 **scribed in this section; and**

34 **“(c) Potential ways that the application tool described in this section could be designed**
and utilized to expedite the processing of provider enrollment applications.

1 **“SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.

2 **“SECTION 4.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-
3 priated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the
4 General Fund, the amount of \$_____, which may be expended for funding temporary staff
5 positions at the authority to reduce to 14 days the processing time for applications submitted
6 by behavioral health care providers seeking to enroll in the medical assistance program.

7 **“SECTION 5.** (1) As used in this section:

8 **“(a)** ‘Coordinated care organization’ and ‘medical assistance’ have the meanings given
9 those terms in ORS 414.025.

10 **“(b)** ‘Provider’ has the meaning given that term in section 1 of this 2025 Act.

11 **“(2)** A coordinated care organization shall review and render a decision on a provider’s
12 request to contract with the coordinated care organization as an in-network provider within
13 30 days after the coordinated care organization receives a complete application.

14 **“(3)** For covered services provided by a contracted provider to a medical assistance re-
15 cipient, a coordinated care organization shall reimburse the provider retroactively to the
16 date that the provider submitted to the Oregon Health Authority a complete application for
17 enrollment in the medical assistance program that resulted in the assignment of a provider
18 identification number.

19 **“SECTION 6.** Section 5 of this 2025 Act applies to contracts between a coordinated care
20 organization and a provider entered into, amended or renewed on or after the effective date
21 of this 2025 Act.

22 **“SECTION 7.** This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025
23 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.”.

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