

# Senate Bill 691

Sponsored by Senator REYNOLDS, Representatives GRAYBER, NERON, WALLAN; Senator GELSER BLOUIN, Representative NELSON (Pre-session 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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells OHA to give some moneys to an OHSU entity that helps get better maternal and neonatal health care. The Act also says OHA and a CCO have to pay for peer support specialist services and some hospital services. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.1).

Directs the Oregon Health Authority to distribute moneys to an entity within the Oregon Health and Science University that advocates for improved maternal and neonatal outcomes. Requires the authority and a coordinated care organization to provide reimbursement for services provided by a peer support specialist, regardless of the clinical setting in which services are provided, and for in-patient hospital services provided to specified individuals.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to health care.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall distribute moneys to the Oregon**  
5 **Health and Science University for the purpose of supporting an entity within the Oregon**  
6 **Health and Science University that advocates for improved maternal and neonatal outcomes**  
7 **through collaboration, implementation of evidence-based practices and policy change in this**  
8 **state. The entity must:**

9 (a) **Coordinate and provide support to existing and new sites that provide integrated**  
10 **perinatal care and substance use disorder treatment for individuals who have substance use**  
11 **disorder and are pregnant or parents of infants; and**

12 (b) **Provide support for expansion of the existing projects, including necessary staffing**  
13 **and site-specific resources.**

14 (2) **In consultation with both a collaborative that advocates for improved maternal and**  
15 **childhood health outcomes through collaboration, implementation of evidence-based practices**  
16 **and policy change, and a national organization that works to reimagine, redesign and imple-**  
17 **ment sustainable improvements in the health care system, the entity described in subsection**  
18 **(1) of this section must ensure that the expansion of existing projects described in subsection**  
19 **(1) of this section is through a formalized, stepwise approach in order to expand to at least**  
20 **one additional site for the existing projects each year. The expansion approach must identify**  
21 **funding, staff and infrastructure to support the expansion and include a framework for data**  
22 **collection and continual project evaluation.**

23 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
24 **ated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the**  
25 **General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of sec-**  
26 **tion 1 of this 2025 Act.**

27 **SECTION 3. Sections 4 and 5 of this 2025 Act are added to and made a part of ORS**

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 **chapter 414.**

2 **SECTION 4. The Oregon Health Authority and a coordinated care organization shall re-**  
3 **imburse the costs of covered services provided by peer support specialists to recipients of**  
4 **medical assistance, regardless of the clinical setting in which the services were provided.**

5 **SECTION 5. The Oregon Health Authority and a coordinated care organization shall re-**  
6 **imburse hospitals for the costs of:**

7 **(1) Up to five days of inpatient hospital services that are provided to a recipient of med-**  
8 **ical assistance at any gestational age during pregnancy for the purposes of stabilization and**  
9 **medication induction for opioid use disorder; and**

10 **(2) Up to five days of inpatient hospital services that are provided to a recipient of med-**  
11 **ical assistance after delivery of an infant for the purposes of medication management for**  
12 **substance use disorder, care coordination, social work support, breastfeeding support and**  
13 **initiation of family-infant bonding.**

14 **SECTION 6. Sections 4 and 5 of this 2025 Act apply to contracts between a coordinated**  
15 **care organization and the Oregon Health Authority entered into, amended or renewed on or**  
16 **after the effective date of this 2025 Act.**

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