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House Bill 4083

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to behavioral health care providers; and prescribing an effective date.

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

CREDENTIALING AND ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Behavioral health provider" includes:

(A) An individual who is licensed, certified or otherwise authorized to provide behavioral health care services in this state; and

(B) An organizational provider, as defined in ORS 430.637.

(b) "Coordinated care organization" has the meaning given that term in ORS 414.025.

(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall:

(a) Adopt by rule a uniform process for credentialing behavioral health providers; and

(b) Select an existing electronic credentialing system for use by behavioral health providers and coordinated care organizations in credentialing behavioral health providers.

(3) A coordinated care organization:

(a) Shall use the credentialing system selected by the authority for credentialing behavioral health providers; and

(b) May not require a behavioral health provider to comply with any credentialing procedures other than the uniform process adopted by the authority under this section.

SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall select an electronic credentialing system and complete rulemaking required under section 1 of this 2026 Act no later than June 30, 2027.

(2) A coordinated care organization, as defined in ORS 414.025, shall begin using the electronic credentialing system selected under section 1 of this 2026 Act no later than July 1, 2027.

SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Behavioral health provider" includes:

(A) An individual who is licensed, certified or otherwise authorized to provide behavioral health care services in this state; and

(B) An organizational provider, as defined in ORS 430.637.

(b) "Medical assistance" has the meaning given that term in ORS 414.025.

(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall minimize unnecessary administrative burden for behavioral health providers who serve medical assistance recipients.

(3) In carrying out this section, the authority shall:

(a) Solicit suggestions from behavioral health providers; and

(b) Seek any necessary approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

(4) Each biennium, the authority shall report to the Governor and the committees of the Legislative Assembly related to behavioral health in the manner provided in ORS 192.245. The report shall identify:

(a) The efforts that the authority has made to solicit suggestions from behavioral health providers;

(b) Any suggestions from behavioral health providers that the authority has implemented; and

(c) The status of any request for approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

SUPERVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

SECTION 4. Section 5 of this 2026 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 675.510 to 675.600.

SECTION 5. (1) The State Board of Licensed Social Workers shall adopt rules to allow, in addition to those individuals regulated by the board, at least the following individuals to provide the supervision required for the issuance of an authorization to practice regulated social work:

(a) A licensed psychologist, as defined in ORS 675.010;

(b) A licensed marriage and family therapist, as defined in ORS 675.705; and

(c) A licensed professional counselor, as defined in ORS 675.705.

(2) In adopting rules under this section, the board may consult as necessary with the Oregon Board of Psychology and the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists. If the rules adopted under this section allow for supervision by individuals regulated by another health professional regulatory board, the State Board of Licensed Social Workers may consult with other health professional regulatory boards as necessary.

SECTION 6. Section 7 of this 2026 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 675.715 to 675.835.

SECTION 7. (1) The Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists shall adopt rules to allow, in addition to those individuals regulated by the board, at least the following individuals to provide the supervision required for the issuance of a license or registration to practice marriage and family therapy or professional counseling:

(a) A licensed psychologist, as defined in ORS 675.010; and

(b) A clinical social worker licensed under ORS 675.530.

(2) In adopting rules under this section, the board may consult as necessary with the Oregon Board of Psychology and the State Board of Licensed Social Workers. If the rules adopted under this section allow for supervision by individuals regulated by another health professional regulatory board, the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists may consult with other health professional regulatory boards as necessary.

SECTION 8. (1) Sections 5 and 7 of this 2026 Act become operative on January 1, 2027.

(2) The Oregon Board of Psychology, the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists and the State Board of Licensed Social Workers may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the boards to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the boards by sections 5 and 7 of this 2026 Act.

CAPTIONS

SECTION 9. The unit captions used in this 2026 Act are provided only for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent in the enactment of this 2026 Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 10. This 2026 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2026 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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