

YES ON SB 1598

Protect Access to Preventive Health Care

Oregonians should not face higher costs or new barriers to preventive care due to shifting federal guidance. SB 1598 ensures continued access to evidence-based preventive health services.

What Happened

- Federal guidance in 2025 limited access to respiratory immunizations.
- Changes were not based on new safety concerns or updated data.
- Some immunizations required prescriptions for the first time.
- Patients, families, and clinicians faced confusion and delays.
- Oregon restored access temporarily – but lacks long-term statutory tools.

The Problem

- Oregon law limits how quickly the state can respond to federal changes.
- Oregon has limited ability to protect access when science supports it.

How SB 1598 Fixes This

Standing Order Authority

- Allows the Public Health Officer to issue standing orders for public health needs.
- Eliminates the need for individual prescriptions for certain services.
- **No one is required to receive care.**

Update Insurance Coverage Standards

- Ensures coverage of widely supported, evidence-based recommendations.
- Prevents disruption from later federal changes that reduce access.

What SB 1598 Does NOT Do

- Does **not** mandate immunizations.
- Does **not** limit patient choice.
- Does **not** restrict clinicians' medical judgment.



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