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This is a simple, common-sense bill that saves time and money for provider organizations and credentialing organizations (like CCOs)

The bill gives CCOs a tool for more efficient credentialing of provider programs serving multiple regions.

WHAT THE BILL DOES:

- Focuses on mental health and addiction (behavioral health) provider organizations for children and adults.
- The Oregon Health Authority will bring CCO's and provider organizations together to craft administrative rules that will create a uniform standard for the credentialing of behavioral health providers. All CCOs can use this uniform system, guaranteeing standardization and high quality.
- Once credentialed under this uniform system, any CCO will be able to contract with or utilize the services available from a provider organization of their choice.

WHAT THE BILL DOES NOT DO:

- Does not require any CCO to contract with any provider agency, even if they are credentialed.
- Does not interfere in any way with the ability a CCO to negotiate a contract tailored to the needs of their subscribers and community, or interfere with the ability to put detailed requirements in a provider contract.
- Does not force a CCO to sign a contract with every other CCO. It allows current credentialing reciprocity to continue.

WHAT STAYS THE SAME:

- Providers must still be credentialed by a CCO in order to be eligible to contract with that, or any other, CCO (currently MHOs and Counties credential these children's providers)
- Providers must be licensed by the State of Oregon and certified as a behavioral health provider to be credentialed.
- CCO's will continue to have tremendous flexibility in their contracting expectations, conditions and identified outcomes with providers.

WHAT IS GAINED:

- CCO's will no longer have to credential potentially dozens of provider agencies, even when they may not want to contract with them.
- Provider organizations will not have to go through the time consuming multi-day credentialing process 5, 7, 11 or 16 times to be eligible to contract with CCOs.
- This will streamline and make cost effective an administrative process that could be cumbersome, repetitive, and expense.

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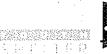
















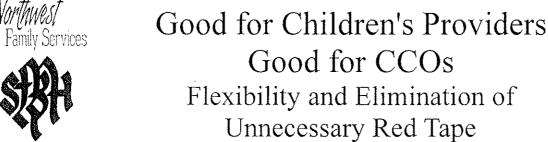






























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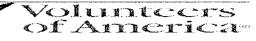


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