

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/27/15

Action: Do Pass The A-Eng Bill.

Meeting Dates: 04/27

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Knopp, Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Shields, Steiner Hayward

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires hospitals to adopt rules granting admitting privileges to Nurse Midwife Nurse Practitioners (NMNPs). Specifies that the adopted rules must include admitting privileges, be consistent with other medical staff privileges, permit NMNPs voting rights and address the governing of NMNPs credentialing.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Privileges are already offered by many hospitals to Nurse Midwife Nurse Practitioners (NMNPs)
- Who actually receives privileges: physicians versus NMNPs
- Advantage of privileges for patient care and safety
- Challenges when patients need to be transferred

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Nurse Midwife Nurse Practitioners (NMNPs), also known as certified nurse midwives, are advanced practice, registered nurses who provide counseling and care during pre-conception, pregnancy, childbirth and the postpartum period. Hospitals establish privileges to grant medical professionals the authority to practice in their facility, which can include permission to order certain diagnostic tests or perform certain procedures. Admitting privileges allow patients to be admitted from an office or outpatient setting to a hospital. Privileges may also include ability to vote and take part in medical staff governance. Hospitals establish credentialing procedures to ensure medical professionals have the qualifications to be granted privileges. Currently, ORS 441.064 specifies that any hospital in the state, by rule, may grant admitting privileges to nurse practitioners, licensed and certified, for purposes of patient care, subject to hospital and medical staff bylaws, rules and regulations governing admissions and staff privileges.