SB 721 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires coordinated care organizations (CCOs) to reimburse the cost of services provided by school-based health centers to members of CCOs at the same rate paid to in-network providers. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

REVENUE:May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.FISCAL:May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

School-based health centers (SBHCs) are a unique health care model for comprehensive physical, mental and preventive health services provided to youth and adolescents either within a school or on school property. With easy access to health care in a school setting, SBHCs reduce barriers such as cost, transportation, and concerns surrounding confidentiality that often keep children and youth from seeking the health services they need. SBHCs provide a full range of physical, mental and preventative health services to all students, regardless of their ability to pay. SBHCs have existed in Oregon since 1986 and succeed through unique public-private partnerships between the Oregon Public Health Division, school districts, county public health departments, public and private practitioners, tribes, parents, students, and community members.

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