

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 3279

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Measure Description:

Requires Oregon Health Authority to establish uniform payment amounts applicable to medical assistance payments to providers of substance use disorder services and providers of mental health treatment.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Health Care to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish uniform payment amounts for medical assistance payments to providers of substance use disorder services and providers of mental health treatment. The bill specifies that the payment amount for providers of substance use disorder treatment must be the same as the payment amount for providers of mental health treatment; the bill prohibits OHA and coordinated care organizations from reducing the amount paid to providers of mental health treatment in order to comply with this provision. The bill allows OHA and coordinated care organizations to use alternative payment methodologies to reimburse providers of substance use disorder treatment as long as the methodologies apply equally to providers of mental health treatment.

The measure is anticipated to have an impact on the Oregon Health Authority.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required