

HB 3279 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 04/02/19

Action: Without recommendation as to passage, refer to Ways and Means by prior reference.

Vote: 10-0-1-0

Yeas: 10 - Alonso Leon, Boles, Drazan, Greenlick, Hayden, Mitchell, Noble, Nosse, Prusak, Salinas

Exc: 1 - Keny-Guyer

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 4/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish an amount and pay providers of substance use disorder (SUD) services the same as mental health treatment providers. Allows OHA and coordinated care organizations (CCOs) to use alternative payment methodologies to reimburse SUD providers if payment methodologies apply equally to mental health treatment providers. Prohibits OHA and CCOs from reducing payments to mental health providers to comply with other provisions. Replaces “chemical dependency” services with “substance use disorder.”

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure for the purpose of referral to another committee

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Medicaid is the largest payer for mental health services in the United States and plays a significant role in the reimbursement of substance use disorder services. CMS states that individuals with behavioral health issues (a mental disorder, substance use problem, or both) utilize significant health care services with approximately 12 million visits to hospital emergency departments across the country in 2007.

House Bill 3279 establishes payment parity in Medicaid for services provided by mental health and substance use disorder professionals.