

Senate Bill 143

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SUMMARY

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Corrects syntax in statute.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to health insurance; amending ORS 743B.403.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 743B.403 is amended to read:

5 743B.403. (1) [*No*] **An** insurer may **not** terminate or otherwise financially penalize a provider for:

6 [(1)] (a) Providing information to or communicating with a patient in a manner that is not
7 slanderous, defamatory or intentionally inaccurate concerning:

8 [(a)] (A) Any aspect of the patient's medical condition;

9 [(b)] (B) Any proposed treatment or treatment alternatives, whether covered by the insurer's
10 health benefit plan or not; or

11 [(c)] (C) The provider's general financial arrangement with the insurer.

12 [(2)(a)] (b) Referring a patient to another provider, whether or not that provider is under con-
13 tract with the insurer. If a provider refers a patient to another provider, the referring provider shall:

14 (A) Comply with the insurer's written policies and procedures with respect to any such referrals;
15 and

16 (B) Inform the patient that the referral services may not be covered by the insurer.

17 [(b)] (2) Allocation of costs for referral services shall be a matter of contract between the pro-
18 vider and the insurer. Allocation of costs to the provider by contract shall not be considered a
19 penalty under this section.

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.