

Senate Bill 836

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Authorizes Oregon Board of Dentistry to review patient charts associated with dental pilot projects approved by Oregon Health Authority.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to dental pilot projects; amending section 1, chapter 716, Oregon Laws 2011.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 716, Oregon Laws 2011, is amended to read:

Sec. 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority may approve pilot projects to encourage the development of innovative practices in oral health care delivery systems with a focus on providing care to populations that evidence-based studies have shown have the highest disease rates and the least access to dental care. The authority may approve a pilot project that is designed to:

(a) Operate for three to five years or a sufficient amount of time to evaluate the validity of the pilot project;

(b) Evaluate quality of care, access, cost, workforce and efficacy; and

(c) Achieve at least one of the following:

(A) Teach new skills to existing categories of dental personnel;

(B) Develop new categories of dental personnel;

(C) Accelerate the training of existing categories of dental personnel; or

(D) Teach new oral health care roles to previously untrained persons.

(2) The authority shall adopt rules:

(a) Establishing an application process for pilot projects;

(b) Establishing minimum standards, guidelines and instructions for pilot projects; and

(c) Requiring an approved pilot project to report to the authority on the progress and outcomes of the pilot project, including:

(A) The process used to evaluate the progress and outcomes of the pilot project;

(B) The baseline data and information to be collected;

(C) The nature of program data that will be collected and the methods for collecting and analyzing the data;

(D) The provisions for protecting the safety of patients seen or treated in the project; and

(E) A statement of previous experience in providing related health care services.

(3) The authority shall seek the advice of appropriate professional societies and licensing boards before adopting rules under subsection (2) of this section.

(4) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may, as it determines necessary, review and provide clinical advice on patient charts that are associated with a pilot project approved by the au-

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.

1 **thority under this section. The board shall consult with the authority regarding the board's**
2 **review of the patient charts.**

3 [(4)(a)] (5)(a) Notwithstanding ORS 679.020 and 680.020, a person may practice dentistry or
4 dental hygiene without a license as part of a pilot project approved under this section under the
5 general supervision of a dentist licensed under ORS chapter 679 and in accordance with rules
6 adopted by the authority.

7 (b) A person practicing dentistry or dental hygiene without a license under this section is sub-
8 ject to the same standard of care and is entitled to the same immunities as a person performing the
9 services with a license.

10 [(5)] (6) The authority may accept gifts, grants or contributions from any public or private
11 source for the purpose of carrying out this section. Funds received under this subsection shall be
12 deposited in the Dental Pilot Projects Fund established under section 17 [of this 2011 Act], **chapter**
13 **716, Oregon Laws 2011.**

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