

HB3057

Enable Sharing of COVID-19 Data for Care Coordination

Problem:

A positive diagnosis of COVID-19, most commonly through testing, is subject to mandatory reporting to Public Health for inclusion in the Oregon Health Authority's communicable disease registry. ORS 433.008 limits use of OHA registry data to direct care providers, rendering it inaccessible to care coordinators at health plans and many large clinics.

Solution:

HB3057 allows the Oregon Health Authority to grant access to COVID-19 test result data "for the evaluation, treatment or care coordination of individuals" by health providers, care coordination entities (i.e., CCOs, commercial insurers, clinic-based care coordinators), Health Information Exchanges and Tribal organizations, subject to agreements with the Oregon Health Authority.

This legislation will improve care of COVID-19 patients by, for example:

- Reminding front-line providers, within their workflows through their electronic medical records systems, that a person in their care has a recent positive COVID-19 test result, enabling direction to the appropriate level of care and better compliance with precautionary measures.
- Allowing care coordinators (typically nurses) to arrange follow-up care and wrap-around services for persons diagnosed with COVID-19. For instance, a care coordinator at a health plan could draw a report of persons in their population who have had a positive test and were recently released by an Emergency Department, and then arrange follow up care.

HB3057 limits the data to the minimum necessary to enable care and allows OHA to require reporting of how the data are used.

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