

B-Engrossed House Bill 4095

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Including House Amendments dated February 16 and February 28

Sponsored by Representatives HAYDEN, BONHAM, EVANS; Representatives ALONSO LEON, DEXTER, HIEB, MOORE-GREEN, NOBLE, REYNOLDS, SALINAS, SCHARF, SMITH DB, WEBER, WILDE, WILLIAMS (Pre-session filed.)

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.

Establishes Veterans Dental Program in Oregon Health Authority to provide oral health care to low-income veterans who reside in Oregon beginning in 2023. Specifies eligibility requirements for program. **Provides that character of discharge does not affect eligibility.**

[Directs Department of Veterans' Affairs to create criteria for waiver to eligibility requirement that veteran be discharged or released under honorable conditions when discharge or release is result of discriminatory policies or practices. Authorizes county or tribal veterans' service officer to grant waiver in accordance with department criteria.]

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to veterans; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"Dental care organization" means a prepaid managed care health services organiza-**
6 **tion, as defined in ORS 414.025, that provides dental care to members of a coordinated care**
7 **organization.**

8 (b) **"Medical assistance" has the meaning given that term in ORS 414.025.**

9 (c) **"Veteran" means an individual who is a veteran, as defined in ORS 408.225, except the**
10 **individual may be discharged or released under honorable or other than honorable conditions.**

11 (2) **The Veterans Dental Program is established in the Oregon Health Authority and shall**
12 **be administered in collaboration with the Department of Consumer and Business Services.**
13 **The purpose of the program is to provide oral health care to eligible veterans who are re-**
14 **siding in Oregon.**

15 (3) **The authority shall contract with dental care organizations throughout this state and**
16 **with individual oral health care providers in areas of this state that are not served by dental**
17 **care organizations to provide oral health care to veterans enrolled in the Veterans Dental**
18 **Program.**

19 (4) **Enrollees in the Veterans Dental Program shall receive the types and extent of oral**
20 **health care services that the authority determines will be provided to medical assistance**
21 **recipients in accordance with ORS 414.065, without any corresponding copayments, deduct-**
22 **ibles or cost sharing required.**

23 (5) **An individual is eligible for the Veterans Dental Program if the individual:**

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 (a) Is a resident of Oregon;
- 2 (b) Is ineligible for medical assistance;
- 3 (c) Has income that is at or below 400 percent of the federal poverty guidelines; and
- 4 (d) Is a veteran.
- 5 (6) The authority shall:
 - 6 (a) Prescribe by rule a simple application process for the Veterans Dental Program.
 - 7 (b) Provide assistance, in person or by telephone, to applicants for and enrollees in the
 - 8 program.
 - 9 (c) Require and accept as verification of eligibility:
 - 10 (A) Documentation demonstrating that an applicant's income is at or below 400 percent
 - 11 of the federal poverty guidelines.
 - 12 (B) An applicant's federal DD Form 214 or 215.
- 13 **SECTION 2.** (1) The provision of oral health care through the Veterans Dental Program
- 14 established under section 1 of this 2022 Act shall begin January 1, 2023.
- 15 (2) The Oregon Health Authority shall accept applications to enroll in the Veterans
- 16 Dental Program beginning no later than November 1, 2022.
- 17 **SECTION 3.** Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of
- 18 \$1,000,000 is established for the biennium ending June 30, 2023, as the maximum limit for
- 19 payment of expenses from lottery moneys allocated from the Veterans' Services Fund es-
- 20 tablished under ORS 406.140 to the Oregon Health Authority for implementation of sections
- 21 1 and 2 of this 2022 Act.
- 22 **SECTION 4.** This 2022 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2022
- 23 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.
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