

SB 497 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires medical assistance programs and health insurance plans in Oregon to cover the cost of computerized tomography coronary calcium score scans with or without contrast, when prescribed by a physician licensed or certified health professional. Applies to plans issued, renewed, extended on or after January 1, 2024.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Requires reimbursement for scans with or without contrast when ordered by a licensed provider in a cardiology unit or a preventive cardiology unit, for a patient at high risk for cardiovascular disease. Requires reimbursement of scans without contrast when ordered by a licensed health care provider within the provider's scope of practice.

BACKGROUND:

A computerized tomography coronary calcium score scan is a screening exam that uses computerized tomography (CT) to detect calcium deposits in the coronary arteries of the heart. A higher coronary calcium-score suggests a higher chance of significant narrowing in the coronary arteries and a higher risk of future heart attack ([link](#) to Cleveland Clinic overview).

Senate Bill 497 would require the Oregon Health Plan and health benefit plans in Oregon to cover computerized tomography coronary calcium score scans.