

## **SB 624 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Health Care**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Establishes a certified community behavioral health clinic (CCBHC) program in Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Requires OHA to establish rules that include requiring all CCBHCs to provide specific services. Requires OHA to supplement rates paid by coordinated care organizations (CCOs). Requires each clinic to propose a fixed rate and OHA to accept or negotiate the proposed rate. Requires OHA to establish and provide guidance on the development of fixed rates and billing. Requires OHA to establish performance standards for CCBHCs to qualify for bonus payments in addition to the fixed rate. Requires OHA to increase the number of CCBHCs in Oregon funded by the demonstration project. Requires OHA to get federal approval to amend the Medicaid state plan to allow Oregon to receive federal financial participation for the CCBHC program. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

*REVENUE: No revenue impact*

*FISCAL: Revenue statement issued*

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-3 Replaces the measure. Directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish a certified community behavioral health clinic (CCBHC) program for the purpose of certifying clinics to receive payment at prospective fixed cost-based rates. Requires CCBHCs, either directly or by referral through formal relationships with other providers, to provide certain services, including outpatient mental health and substance use disorder services, 24-hour mobile crisis services, screening and risk assessment, patient-centered treatment planning, targeted case management, psychiatric rehabilitation services, peer support and counseling services, family support services, and specified access to primary care. Specifies criteria for OHA to fund and to adjust payment rates to CCBHCs sufficient to reimburse costs of required services, consistent with federal program requirements and ensuring coordination to minimize service redundancies.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In 2014, Oregon become one of eight states accepted to a demonstration program to test strategies to improve accessibility, quality, and outcomes in community mental health centers that are certified as certified community behavioral health clinics (CCBHCs). In Oregon, CCHBCs are overseen by the Oregon Health Authority, and twelve clinics were certified as CCBHCs when Oregon's demonstration program began on April 1, 2017.

In 2021, the Oregon legislature directed OHA to evaluate whether CCBHCs increase access to behavioral health treatment, integrate physical and behavioral healthcare, improve health outcomes, lower healthcare costs, improve overall community health, and reduce the cost of care for coordinated care organization members. OHA contracted with a team at the Oregon Health & Science University – Portland State University (OHSU-PSU) School of Public Health to conduct the evaluation. Among other recommendations, the OHSU-PSU report suggested

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expanding the program to include a CCBHC in every Oregon county. The report also recommended clearer standards for primary and behavioral care coordination and integration.

Senate Bill 624 establishes a certified community behavioral health clinic program in Oregon Health Authority.

PRELIMINARY