

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Imposes requirements and restrictions on insurer and coordinated care organization audits of claims for reimbursement submitted by behavioral health treatment providers.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Consumer and Business Services, Oregon Health Authority, Mental Health Regulatory Agency

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure creates auditing requirements for the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), coordinated care organizations (CCOs) and health insurance providers. The measure requires health insurance providers, OHA and CCOs to describe requirements for behavioral health treatment claim resolutions and describes requirements for the document and process. The measure prescribes requirements for an insurer’s audit of claims. The measure prohibits basing payment to auditors on the number of errors or issues identified unless required by federal law.

The measure directs OHA to establish an education unit to oversee provider billing that will work with CCO compliance officers and community and culturally competent providers to develop a curriculum designed to inform providers on audits or reviews conducted by or on behalf of CCOs. The measure prescribes requirements for the training and requires that the education unit must be staffed at a level that allows travel to in-state conferences and regional presentations.

OHA is directed to collaborate with stakeholders to develop recommendations to improve reimbursement health care provider claim audits. OHA must report the status of recommendation development to the interim legislative committees related to health by July 1, 2024, and indicate when final recommendations are expected. Additionally, OHA is directed to add audit requirements to future CCO contracts.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required