

SB 797 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Reynolds

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Action Date: 04/26/23

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 9-0-2-0

Yeas: 9 - Bowman, Dexter, Diehl, Goodwin, Morgan, Nelson, Nosse, Pham H, Tran

Exc: 2 - Conrad, Javadi

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/24, 4/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires individual and group health insurance policy coverage of orthotic and prosthetic devices medically necessary to restore or maintain ability to complete activities of daily living or essential job-related activities. Defines "orthotic device" and "prosthetic device." Requires Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to adopt and annually update rules listing the prosthetic and orthotic devices covered. Specifies that required coverage includes repair and replacement. Specifies provider network requirements for managed care organizations.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Sunset of previous coverage requirements
- Inclusion of orthotic and prosthetic coverage as essential health benefits (EHB) in Affordable Care Act and in Oregon's Benchmark Plan

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Orthotic and prosthetic devices enable people with physical impairments or functional limitations to participate in education, work, and social activities. Orthotic devices include braces and splints. Prosthetic devices include artificial legs and hands. Orthotics and prosthetics are "Essential Health Benefits" under the Affordable Care Act. Previous Oregon insurance coverage requirements for coverage of orthotic and prosthetic devices sunset in 2017.

Senate Bill 797 A requires health insurance policy coverage of orthotics and prosthetic devices and requires the Department of Consumer and Business services to maintain a list of devices to which the coverage requirement applies.