

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2445

Ordered by the House April 6
Including House Amendments dated April 6

Sponsored by Representative NOSSE; Representative NELSON (Presession 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.

Authorizes independent behavioral health certification entity that meets specified requirements to certify addiction peer support specialists to work with coordinated care organizations.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to peer support specialists; amending ORS 414.665.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 414.665 is amended to read:

5 414.665. (1) As used in this section, "traditional health worker" includes any of the following:

6 (a) A community health worker.

7 (b) A personal health navigator.

8 (c) A peer wellness specialist.

9 (d) A peer support specialist.

10 (e) A doula.

11 (f) A tribal traditional health worker.

12 (2) In consultation with the Traditional Health Workers Commission established under ORS
13 413.600, the Oregon Health Authority, for purposes related to the regulation of traditional health
14 workers, shall adopt by rule:

15 (a) The qualification criteria, including education and training requirements, for the traditional
16 health workers utilized by coordinated care organizations;

17 (b) Appropriate professional designations for supervisors of the traditional health workers; and

18 (c) Processes by which other occupational classifications may be approved to supervise the tra-
19 ditional health workers.

20 (3) The criteria and requirements established under subsection (2) of this section:

21 (a) Must be broad enough to encompass the potential unique needs of any coordinated care or-
22 ganization;

23 (b) Must meet requirements of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to qualify for
24 federal financial participation; and

25 (c) May not require certification by the Home Care Commission.

26 **(4) An individual qualifies as a peer support specialist to be utilized by coordinated care**
27 **organizations to provide addiction support services to members of the coordinated care or-**
28 **ganizations if the individual is certified by:**

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) The authority using application or renewal procedures adopted by the authority; or**
2 **(b) An independent behavioral health certification entity operating in this state, and re-**
3 **cognized by the laws of this state or under rules or policies prescribed by the authority, that:**
4 **(A) The authority approves as meeting industry-accepted standards for a credentialing**
5 **board;**
6 **(B) Accredits the individual with having met the education and training requirements**
7 **established under subsection (2)(a) of this section; and**
8 **(C) Conducts a criminal records check on the individual to ensure compliance with ORS**
9 **443.004 (5).**
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