

Senate Bill 576

Sponsored by Senator GELSER BLOUIN, Representative HARTMAN, Senators CAMPOS, HANSELL; Senators DEMBROW, JAMA, PATTERSON, Representatives GOMBERG, NELSON, PHAM K, REYNOLDS (at the request of Disability Health and Employment Equity Coalition) (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 **as introduced**.

Requires Department of Human Services to administer program to provide medical assistance to employed individuals with disabilities without regard to individuals' income or resources. Allows consideration of income when determining cost-sharing for program.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to employed individuals with disabilities; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 414.

SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Human Services shall administer a program to provide medical assistance to employed individuals with disabilities residing in this state who qualify for Medicaid under 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVI).

(2) The department may not consider an individual's income or resources in determining eligibility for the program described in subsection (1) of this section or establish an age limit to qualify for the program. The department may consider an individual's income in determining premium or other cost-sharing requirements if necessary to administer the program within available funds.

(3) The department shall coordinate benefits available under the program described in subsection (1) of this section with an individual's employer-sponsored health insurance, if any.

(4) The department shall seek federal approval necessary to exclude from consideration earnings accumulated in a separate account while an individual participates in the program described in subsection (1) of this section when determining the individual's eligibility for medical assistance under ORS 414.706.

SECTION 3. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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.