

House Bill 2282: Health insurance updates

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IRO contracting limitation (Section 1)

- When a patient disputes a benefit determination by a health insurer, under Oregon law, the insurer must allow independent review by an Independent Review Organization (IRO) (ORS 743B.252-258).
- Insurers may only use an IRO that is under contract with the Department of Consumer and Business Services.
- Under current law, DCBS cannot contract with more than five IROs.
- The volume of claims disputes may require additional IRO contracts in the future. HB 2282 removes the five contract limit.

Protection of preventative care services

- Under the federal Affordable Care Act, health insurance plans must cover preventative services without cost-sharing.
- *Kelley v. Becarra*, a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Texas, is challenging the preventative services requirements of the ACA.
- Oregon Law currently incorporates these protections (as they were in effect in 2017) by reference in 743A.262.
- In a -1 amendment, we will propose updating the date reference to 2023 so that protections will remain in place even if some portion of the ACA is overruled in the Texas lawsuit.

Questions?

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