



OREGON WHITE BAGGING PREVENTION

The practice of “White Bagging” is not addressed by the current state legislation regulating pharmacy benefit managers, leaving a gap in patient care and safety. The term White Bagging describes a process where payers make arrangements with select pharmacies to provide and send physician-administered medication directly to clinics for administration to a patient, an act that bypasses the safety processes of the clinic institution by forcing them to prepare and use medication they are not providing or in control of. The payer and their pharmacy then keep the medication revenue. This is dangerous for the patient because it bypasses a pharmacist safety evaluation and supply chain integrity.

The Oregon Society of Health-System Pharmacists (OSHP) and the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems (OAHHHS) support HB 2715 which prevents a health insurance (payer) from denying or reducing payment to a provider or clinic institution for a physician-administered drug that uses medications they obtain and manage as a facet of patient care.

OSHP and OAHHHS urge the passage of this legislation in order to protect medication supply chain integrity and patient safety. Its adoption would push Oregon ahead as a leader in the protection of patient care. Since 2021, 24 states have introduced similar legislation to restrict or prohibit payer-mandated white bagging, and 7 states have enacted the laws fully (VT, TN, LA, AR, VA, WV, NE).

Supporters of this bill includes the Oregon State Pharmacy Association (OSPA), Oregon Pharmacy Coalition(OPA) ,Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems(OAHHHS), and Coalition of State Rheumatology Organizations (CSRO).

To help ensure patient safety, please approve HB 2715. Thank you for your consideration.