

HB 3242 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires a health insurer to reimburse a provider who is joining a provider group that is in-network with the insurer at the in-network rate during the credentialing period.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current insurer reimbursement practices during credentialing period
- Potential for failure to complete credentialing process

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Requires provider group to reimburse health insurer if provider does not submit complete application or meet credentialing requirements.

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

BACKGROUND:

Health insurers credential providers to help ensure the provider is qualified to receive reimbursement. During the credentialing process insurers verify the provider's education, training, experience, and licensure. Current Oregon law requires insurers to reimburse claims for services rendered during the credentialing period, specifying that the reimbursement rate should be the rate paid to nonparticipating providers.

House Bill 3242 requires a health insurer to reimburse a provider who is joining a provider group that is in-network with the insurer at the in-network rate during the credentialing period.