

HB 2789 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Nelson

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Action Date: 02/20/25

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Diehl, Harbick, Isadore, Javadi, McIntire, Munoz, Nelson, Nosse, Pham H

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 1/28, 2/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) from requiring a primary care provider to order a covered care management service as a condition of reimbursement for care management services under specified circumstances. Requires OHA to develop and maintain a schedule of covered care management services for which a registered nurse may seek reimbursement. Becomes operative January 1, 2026. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Efficacy of care coordination.
- Primary care provider shortages in Oregon.
- Nursing scope of practice.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Plan (OHP) is the state's Medicaid program, offering medical assistance to individuals and families with low incomes, children, pregnant women, and people with disabilities. Primary care refers to a range of health care services to prevent and treat common illnesses and can include coordination of care with specialists. Primary care providers include doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants.

House Bill 2789 requires the Oregon Health Authority the develop and maintain a schedule of covered care management services that could be provided by registered nurses to medical assistance recipients without requiring an order be submitted.