

## HB 3326 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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**Action Date:** 04/08/25

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 9-0-0-0

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

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/13, 4/8

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure establishes the Seniors Emergency Dental Program within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for the purpose of providing specific emergency dental services to eligible seniors.

#### Detailed Summary

- Establishes the Seniors Emergency Dental Program in OHA for the purpose of providing specific emergency dental services to eligible seniors. Specifies that emergency dental services are not subject to copayments, deductibles, or cost-sharing requirements.
  - Specifies emergency dental services covered under the program, including emergency extractions, limited oral evaluations, and necessary X-ray services. Specifies X-ray services covered.
  - Specifies program eligibility requirements, including that an individual is at least 65 years old, ineligible for medical assistance, has an income at or below 400 percent of the federal poverty limit, and resides in an area covered by a coordinated care organization.
  - Permits OHA to adopt rules to carry out provisions of the measure.
- Becomes operative January 1, 2027. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Medicaid coverage does not include dental care and emergency services can be costly
- Increasing access to dental care can prevent the need for future emergency services and contribute to cost savings
- Potential program costs

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

#### BACKGROUND:

Oral health plays an important role in overall health, oral health conditions can negatively impact both physical and mental health. Cost plays a prominent role in limiting access to dental services.

The Oregon Health Plan (OHP), Oregon's state Medicaid program, was first implemented in 1994 and has continued to evolve in response to health system reform efforts in the years since. The coordinated care organization (CCO) model was established in 2012 through the passage of House Bill 3650 ([2011](#)) and Senate Bill 1580 ([2012](#)). CCOs provide a range of health services to their members, including physical, oral, and behavioral health care, either directly or through partnerships. OHP members are assigned to a CCO based primarily on their geographic location. CCOs receive a five-year contract from the state and a fixed-growth budget from which to coordinate services for their members. Currently, 16 CCOs are operating regionally across Oregon, serving more than 92 percent of Oregon's nearly 1.5 million OHP members. Approximately five percent of Oregon's OHP

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members are 65 years or older.

All OHP members have access to diagnostic and preventive dental [care](#) as part of their plan benefits. CCO members receive dental coverage in two primary ways: either through a local dental plan delivered through a dental care organization (DCO) or as fee-for-service coverage. Beginning in 2023, OHP transitioned away from contracting directly with DCOs, instead requiring CCOs to contract with DCOs and manage dental care for their members.

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