

House Bill 2223

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act requires CCOs to contract with providers of services to which there is limited access. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.6).

Requires coordinated care organizations to contract with providers outside of a particular geographic area when the area has limited access to a medical assistance care or service. Directs the Oregon Health Authority to identify the medical assistance care or services to which there is limited access.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to coordinated care organizations; creating new provisions; amending ORS 414.609; and
3 prescribing an effective date.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 414.609, as amended by section 10, chapter 70, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended
6 to read:

7 414.609. (1) A coordinated care organization that contracts with the Oregon Health Authority
8 must maintain a network of providers, including but not limited to addiction treatment providers,
9 sufficient in numbers and areas of practice and geographically distributed in a manner to ensure
10 that the health services provided under the contract are reasonably accessible to members.

11 **(2)(a) In any geographic area served by a coordinated care organization where the au-**
12 **thority identifies a medical assistance care or service for which there is limited access, the**
13 **coordinated care organization shall contract with a number of providers of the care or ser-**
14 **vice that are located outside of the geographic area sufficient to satisfy the requirements**
15 **of subsection (1) of this section.**

16 **(b) The authority shall identify the medical assistance care or services to which there is**
17 **limited access in each geographic area served by one or more coordinated care organizations**
18 **in this state, including but not limited to geographic areas where there is limited access to**
19 **acute psychiatric care for children and for adolescents.**

20 [(2)] (3) A member may transfer from one organization to another organization no more than
21 once during each enrollment period.

22 **SECTION 2.** The amendments to ORS 414.609 by section 1 of this 2025 Act apply to con-
23 tracts between a coordinated care organization and the Oregon Health Authority entered
24 into, amended or renewed on or after the operative date specified in section 3 of this 2025
25 Act.

26 **SECTION 3.** (1) The amendments to ORS 414.609 by section 1 of this 2025 Act become
27 operative on January 1, 2026.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **(2) The Oregon Health Authority may take any action before the operative date specified**
2 **in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the authority to exercise, on and**
3 **after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions**
4 **and powers conferred on the authority by the amendments to ORS 414.609 by section 1 of this**
5 **2025 Act.**

6 **SECTION 4. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025**
7 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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