A-Engrossed House Bill 2540

Ordered by the House March 12 Including House Amendments dated March 12

Sponsored by Representatives DIEHL, JAVADI, MCINTIRE, PHAM H; Representatives ANDERSEN, BOSHART DAVIS, EVANS, HARBICK, NELSON, SKARLATOS (Presession filed.)

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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Makes certain health insurers credit certain costs to an enrollee's health plan. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.7).

Requires certain health insurers to credit any amount an enrollee pays directly to a provider toward out-of-pocket costs and deductibles in certain circumstances.

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT

- Relating to medical out-of-pocket costs.
- Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
- 4 <u>SECTION 1.</u> Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 743B.280 to 743B.285.
 - <u>SECTION 2.</u> (1) An insurer offering a health benefit plan as defined in ORS 743B.005 shall credit any amount an enrollee pays directly to a health care provider to the enrollee's deductible and annual out-of-pocket expenses if:
 - (a) The health care item or service is medically necessary and covered under the enrollee's health benefit plan;
 - (b) The enrollee does not submit the claim to the insurer; and
 - (c) The amount paid to the health care provider is less than the average discounted rate for the item or service paid to an in-network health care provider with the same license.
 - (2) An insurer shall:
 - (a) Establish a process for an enrollee to submit a claim for the credit described in subsection (1) of this section, including the necessary documentation the enrollee is required to submit in support of the claim; or
 - (b) Require an enrollee to utilize the system the insurer uses to process and adjudicate claims to submit a claim for the credit described in subsection (1) of this section.
 - (3) Notwithstanding ORS 750.055 (1)(i), this section does not apply to a health maintenance organization as defined in ORS 750.005.
 - <u>SECTION 3.</u> Section 2 of this 2025 Act applies to a health benefit plan issued, renewed or extended on or after the effective date of this 2025 Act.

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