

House Bill 2560

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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 tells ODHS to find a new way of paying AFH providers. (Flesch Readability Score: 89.5).

Directs the Department of Human Services to restructure its rate methodology for payments to adult foster home providers by January 1, 2026.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to payments to adult foster home providers; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **“Add-on payment” means an amount paid by the Department of Human Services to**
6 **an adult foster home provider, in addition to a base rate, for an individual residing in the**
7 **adult foster home who:**

8 (A) **Requires full assistance in mobility, eating or toileting;**

9 (B) **Demonstrates behavior that poses a risk to the individual or to others, and the adult**
10 **foster home provider must consistently intervene to supervise or redirect the resident;**

11 (C) **Requires daily observation and monitoring of medical treatment, with oversight by a**
12 **licensed health care professional at least quarterly, and the provider has staff members who**
13 **are trained to provide, and are providing, the daily observation and monitoring of medical**
14 **treatment; or**

15 (D) **Meets other criteria adopted by the department by rule.**

16 (b) **“Adult foster home” means an adult foster home, as defined in ORS 443.705, that is**
17 **licensed according to rules adopted by the department under ORS 443.734 (1)(a) or (b).**

18 (c) **“Base rate” means the room and board standard rate paid by the department to an**
19 **adult foster home provider for an individual residing in the adult foster home.**

20 (d) **“Exceptional payment” means a service payment that is made by the department to**
21 **an adult foster home provider for a resident who requires additional hours of services that**
22 **are not paid for by the base rate or add-on payments.**

23 (e) **“Service payment” means an amount paid by the department for a resident of an**
24 **adult foster home that is based on the resident’s level of impairment and need for services.**

25 (2) **No later than January 1, 2026, the department shall restructure the rate methodology**
26 **for payments to adult foster home providers by increasing base rates and adopting an**
27 **acuity-based payment method that reduces the need for exceptional payments.**

28 **SECTION 2. No later than February 1, 2026, the Department of Human Services shall**

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 report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health, in the man-
2 ner provided in ORS 192.245, on the adoption of a new rate structure for adult foster home
3 providers in accordance with section 1 of this 2025 Act.

4 SECTION 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this 2025 Act are repealed on January 2, 2027.

5 SECTION 4. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
6 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
7 on its passage.

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