

House Bill 2789

Sponsored by Representative NELSON (Pre-session 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 **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act allows a registered nurse to bill for certain services without needing an order from the patient's PCP. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.8).

Prohibits the Oregon Health Authority under specified circumstances from requiring, as a condition of reimbursing the cost of the service, a primary care provider to order a covered care management service provided by a licensed registered nurse to a medical assistance recipient.

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to services provided by registered nurses; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 414.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Health Authority may not require a primary care provider**
6 **to order a covered care management service, as listed in the schedule developed under sub-**
7 **section (2) of this section, as a condition of reimbursing the costs of the service when:**

8 (a) **The service is provided to a medical assistance recipient by a registered nurse li-**
9 **censed under ORS 678.010 to 678.410;**

10 (b) **The service is within the nurse's authorized scope of practice; and**

11 (c) **The patient does not have a primary care provider.**

12 (2) **The authority shall, in consultation with stakeholders:**

13 (a) **Develop and maintain a schedule of covered care management services for which a**
14 **registered nurse may seek reimbursement under this section; and**

15 (b) **Establish billing and documentation protocols to protect program integrity, including**
16 **the use of national provider identifiers by registered nurses seeking reimbursement under**
17 **this section.**

18 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2025 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2026.**

19 **SECTION 4. The Oregon Health Authority may take any action before the operative date**
20 **specified in section 3 of this 2025 Act that is necessary to enable the authority to exercise,**
21 **on and after the operative date specified in section 3 of this 2025 Act, all the duties, functions**
22 **and powers conferred on the authority by section 2 of this 2025 Act.**

23 **SECTION 5. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025**
24 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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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.