

## HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3243

By COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “services” delete the rest of the line and insert a  
2 period.

3 Delete lines 4 through 28 and delete page 2 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of the Insurance**  
5 **Code.**

6 **“SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

7 **“(a) ‘Enrollee’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 743B.005.**

8 **“(b) ‘Established local rate’ means the rate established where the health care services**  
9 **originated for the provision of ground ambulance services through a publicly accessible pro-**  
10 **cess that includes an analysis of the cost to provide the ground ambulance services by:**

11 **“(A) The local government entity if the ground ambulance services are provided by**  
12 **ground ambulance services organizations that are owned or operated by the local govern-**  
13 **ment entity; or**

14 **“(B) The contract between a privately owned or operated ground ambulance services or-**  
15 **ganization and the local government entity if the ground ambulance services are provided**  
16 **by a privately owned or operated ground ambulance services organization.**

17 **“(c) ‘Ground ambulance services’ means:**

18 **“(A) The rendering of medical treatment and care at the scene of a medical emergency**  
19 **or while transporting an individual from the scene to an appropriate health care facility**  
20 **when the services are provided by one or more ground ambulance vehicles designed for this**  
21 **purpose; and**

22 **“(B) Transport between health care facilities when the services are medically necessary**  
23 **and are provided by one or more ground ambulance vehicles designed for this purpose.**

24 **“(d) ‘Ground ambulance services organization’ means a public or private organization li-**  
25 **censed by the Oregon Health Authority pursuant to ORS 682.045 to provide ground ambu-**  
26 **lance services.**

27 **“(e) ‘Health benefit plan’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 743B.005, except that**  
28 **‘health benefit plan’ does not include a coverage offered by the Public Employees’ Benefit**  
29 **Board or the Oregon Educators Benefit Board through a commercial insurer, a health care**  
30 **service contractor or a third party administrator.**

31 **“(f) ‘Health care facility’ means a facility that provides health care services directly to**  
32 **patients, including but not limited to a hospital, clinic, health care provider’s office, health**  
33 **maintenance organization, diagnostic or treatment center, mental health facility, behavioral**  
34 **health service provider, emergency services provider or hospice or nursing home.**

35 **“(g) ‘In-network’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 743B.280.**

1       “(2) A ground ambulance service may not bill an enrollee for covered ground ambulance  
2 services if the enrollee has paid the in-network cost-sharing amount specified in the  
3 enrollee’s health benefit plan.

4       “(3) A health benefit plan must reimburse the ground ambulance services organization  
5 at the established local rate or if an established local rate does not exist, in an amount no  
6 less than 325 percent of the Medicare rate.

7       “(4) Ground ambulance services organizations shall submit a catalog of established local  
8 rates to the Department of Consumer and Business Services annually and within five calen-  
9 dar days of a change to the rates.

10       “(5) The department shall create a database of established local rates for ground ambu-  
11 lance services. The department shall ensure this database is accessible by the public.

12       “(6) The provisions of this section apply to a self-funded group health plan whether gov-  
13 erned by or exempt from the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act  
14 of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), as amended, only if the self-funded group health plan elects  
15 to participate in the provisions of this section by providing notice to the department in the  
16 form and manner described by the department by rule.

17       “(7) The Public Employees’ Benefit Board and the Oregon Educators Benefit Board may  
18 elect to participate in the coverage provisions described in this section by providing notice  
19 to the department in the form and manner described by the department by rule.

20       “(8) This section is exempt from ORS 743A.001.

21       “(9) The department shall make rules to implement the provisions described in this sec-  
22 tion.

23       “(10) The department may impose civil penalties, as described in ORS 731.988, but may  
24 not exceed \$1,000 for repeated violations of this section.

25       “SECTION 3. No later than September 15, 2026, the Department of Consumer and Busi-  
26 ness Services shall submit a report in the form and manner described in ORS 192.245 to the  
27 interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health. The report shall include:

28       “(1) All consumer complaints received by the department concerning billing for services  
29 provided by ground ambulance services organizations both before and after the implementa-  
30 tion of section 2 of this 2025 Act.

31       “(2) The number of contracts ground ambulance services organizations and health benefit  
32 plans entered into on or after January 1, 2026.

33       “(3) Any effect on the premium rates for health benefit plans that occurred on or after  
34 January 1, 2026, and can be attributed to the implementation of section 2 of this 2025 Act.

35       “SECTION 4. Section 3 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.

36       “SECTION 5. Section 2 of this 2025 Act applies to health benefit plans issued, renewed  
37 or extended on or after the effective date of this 2025 Act.”.