

# House Bill 3748

Sponsored by Representative TRAN

## SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act tells OHA to create a common credentialing program. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.3).

Requires the Oregon Health Authority to establish a program for the purpose of providing to credentialing organizations access to information that is necessary to credential or recredential health care practitioners.

Requires the establishment of an electronic database for purposes of submitting and accessing credentialing information.

Sets a January 1, 2028, operative date for provisions related to the establishment of a program and an electronic database.

Requires the authority to report on the implementation of the electronic database and the adoption of rules related to the program on or before specified dates.

Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the authority to establish the program and the electronic database.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to credentialing of health care practitioners.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 to 7 of this 2025 Act are added to and made a part of ORS chapter**  
5 **442.**

6 **SECTION 2. As used in sections 2 to 7 of this 2025 Act:**

7 (1) **“Credentialing information” means information necessary to credential or recreden-**  
8 **tial a health care practitioner.**

9 (2) **“Credentialing organization” means a hospital or other health care facility, physician**  
10 **organization or other health care provider organization, coordinated care organization as**  
11 **defined in ORS 414.025, business organization, insurer or other organization that credentials**  
12 **health care practitioners.**

13 (3) **“Health care practitioner” means an individual authorized to practice a profession**  
14 **related to the provision of health care services in this state for which the individual must**  
15 **be credentialed.**

16 (4) **“Health care regulatory board” means a board or other agency that authorizes indi-**  
17 **viduals to practice a profession related to the provision of health care services for which the**  
18 **individual must be credentialed.**

19 **SECTION 3. (1)(a) The Oregon Health Authority, in consultation with the advisory group**  
20 **convened under section 7 of this 2025 Act, shall establish a program for the purpose of pro-**  
21 **viding to a credentialing organization access to information that is necessary to credential**  
22 **or recredential a health care practitioner.**

23 (b) **To fulfill the requirements of this subsection, the authority shall establish and oper-**  
24 **ate an electronic system through which credentialing information may be submitted to an**

**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 electronic database and accessed. The system must operate and be accessible by credential-  
 2 ing organizations, health care practitioners and health care regulatory boards 24 hours a day,  
 3 seven days a week. The authority may contract with a private entity to ensure the effective  
 4 establishment and operation of the system.

5 (c) To the greatest extent practicable, the electronic system shall use the most accessible  
 6 and current technology available.

7 (2) In consultation with the advisory group convened under section 7 of this 2025 Act, the  
 8 authority shall adopt rules for the operation of the electronic system, including:

9 (a) Identification of the type of information that is necessary to credential or recreden-  
 10 tial each type of health care practitioner;

11 (b) Processes by which a health care practitioner or health care regulatory board submits  
 12 credentialing information to the authority or an entity that has entered into a contract with  
 13 the authority under subsection (1)(b) of this section;

14 (c) Processes, as required by recognized state and national credentialing standards, by  
 15 which credentialing information submitted under section 4 of this 2025 Act is verified;

16 (d) Processes by which a credentialing organization, health care practitioner or health  
 17 care regulatory board may electronically access the database;

18 (e) Processes by which a health care practitioner may attest that the credentialing in-  
 19 formation in the electronic database is current;

20 (f) The purposes for which credentialing information accessed by a credentialing organ-  
 21 ization or health care regulatory board may be used; and

22 (g) The imposition of fees, not to exceed the cost of administering sections 2 to 7 of this  
 23 2025 Act, on health care practitioners who submit credentialing information to the database  
 24 and credentialing organizations that access the database.

25 (3) All information, except for general information used for directories, as defined by the  
 26 authority by rule, that is received, kept and maintained in the database under this section  
 27 is exempt from public disclosure under ORS 192.311 to 192.478.

28 **SECTION 4.** (1)(a) As a condition of being authorized to practice a profession in this  
 29 state, a health care practitioner or designee must submit to the Oregon Health Authority,  
 30 an entity that has entered into a contract with the authority under section 3 (1)(b) of this  
 31 2025 Act or a health care regulatory board the credentialing information identified by the  
 32 authority under section 3 (2)(a) of this 2025 Act.

33 (b) A health care practitioner that, in good faith, submits credentialing information un-  
 34 der this subsection is immune from civil liability that might otherwise be incurred or im-  
 35 posed with respect to the submission of that credentialing information.

36 (2) The authority may require a health care regulatory board, after consulting with the  
 37 health care regulatory board, to provide or supplement the credentialing information identi-  
 38 fied by the authority under section 3 (2)(a) of this 2025 Act.

39 (3)(a) A credentialing organization shall obtain from the authority, or an entity that has  
 40 entered into a contract with the authority under section 3 (1)(b) of this 2025 Act, the cre-  
 41 dentialing information of the health care practitioner that is kept and maintained in the  
 42 electronic database described in section 3 of this 2025 Act. A credentialing organization may  
 43 not request credentialing information from a health care practitioner if the credentialing  
 44 information is available through the database.

45 (b) A credentialing organization that, in good faith, uses credentialing information pro-

1 vided under this subsection for the purposes established by the authority under section 3  
 2 (2)(e) of this 2025 Act is immune from civil liability that might otherwise be incurred or im-  
 3 posed with respect to the use of that credentialing information.

4 **SECTION 5.** A prepaid group practice health plan that serves at least 200,000 members  
 5 in this state and that has been issued a certificate of authority by the Department of Con-  
 6 sumer and Business Services may petition the Director of the Oregon Health Authority to  
 7 be exempt from the requirements of sections 2 to 7 of this 2025 Act. The director may award  
 8 the petition if the director determines that subjecting the health plan to sections 2 to 7 of  
 9 this 2025 Act is not cost-effective. If a petition is awarded under this section, the exemption  
 10 also applies to any health care facilities and health care provider groups associated with the  
 11 health plan.

12 **SECTION 6.** The Director of the Oregon Health Authority shall adopt rules necessary for  
 13 the administration of sections 2 to 7 of this 2025 Act.

14 **SECTION 7.** At least once per year, the Oregon Health Authority shall convene an advi-  
 15 sory group consisting of individuals who represent credentialing organizations, health care  
 16 practitioners and health care regulatory boards to review and advise the authority on the  
 17 implementation of sections 2 to 7 of this 2025 Act and on the standard credentialing appli-  
 18 cation used in this state.

19 **SECTION 8.** (1) To establish the electronic system described in section 3 of this 2025 Act,  
 20 the Oregon Health Authority shall issue a request for information to seek input from po-  
 21 tential contractors on capabilities and cost structures associated with the scope of work re-  
 22 quired to establish and maintain the electronic system. The authority shall use the results  
 23 of the request for information to create a formal request for proposals. No later than 150  
 24 business days after the close of the request for information, the authority shall issue a  
 25 formal request for proposals to establish and maintain the electronic system.

26 (2) The authority may enter into a contract under section 3 (1)(b) of this 2025 Act with  
 27 a private entity only if the private entity:

28 (a) Can demonstrate appropriate technical, analytical and clinical knowledge and experi-  
 29 ence to carry out the duties prescribed by section 3 of this 2025 Act; or

30 (b) Has a contract, or will enter into a contract, with another entity that meets the cri-  
 31 teria described in this subsection.

32 **SECTION 9.** The Oregon Health Authority shall report on the implementation of the  
 33 electronic system described in section 3 (1) of this 2025 Act and on the development of rules  
 34 to be adopted under section 3 (2) of this 2025 Act to:

35 (1) The interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health no later than  
 36 October 1, 2026; and

37 (2) The Legislative Assembly in the manner required by ORS 192.245:

38 (a) On or before February 1, 2026; and

39 (b) On or before February 1, 2027.

40 **SECTION 10.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-  
 41 priated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the  
 42 General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, for the purpose of carrying out sections 2 to 7 of this  
 43 2025 Act.

44 **SECTION 11.** Sections 8 and 9 of this 2025 Act are repealed on the date of the convening  
 45 of the 2028 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.

1        **SECTION 12.** (1) Sections 2 to 5 of this 2025 Act become operative on January 1, 2028.  
2        (2) The Oregon Health Authority may take any action necessary before the operative date  
3        specified in subsection (1) of this section to enable the authority to exercise, on and after the  
4        operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all the duties, functions and powers  
5        conferred on the authority by sections 2 to 5 of this 2025 Act.  
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