

Senate Bill 20

Sponsored by Senator GELSER BLOUIN, Representative NOSSE; Senator PATTERSON (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 **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act creates a new program for people with disabilities to have a job and also get Medicaid. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.6).

Requires the Department of Human Services to administer a program to provide medical assistance to employed individuals with disabilities without regard to the individuals' income or resources. Allows consideration of income when determining cost-sharing for the program.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to employed individuals with disabilities; and declaring an emergency.

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 Department of Human Services shall administer a program to pro-**
6 **vide medical assistance to employed individuals with disabilities residing in this state who**
7 **qualify for Medicaid under 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVI).**

8 **(2) The department may not consider an individual's income or resources in determining**
9 **eligibility for the program described in subsection (1) of this section, and may establish an**
10 **age limit to qualify for the program only to the extent that an age limit is required by federal**
11 **law. The department may consider an individual's income in determining premium or other**
12 **cost-sharing requirements if necessary to administer the program within available funds.**

13 **(3) The department shall coordinate benefits available under the program described in**
14 **subsection (1) of this section with an individual's employer-sponsored health insurance, if**
15 **any.**

16 **(4) The department shall seek federal approval necessary to exclude from consideration**
17 **earnings accumulated in a separate account while an individual participates in the program**
18 **described in subsection (1) of this section when determining the individual's eligibility for**
19 **medical assistance under ORS 414.706.**

20 **SECTION 3. The Department of Human Services shall take all necessary steps to ensure**
21 **that the program described in section 2 of this 2025 Act is in operation no later than July**
22 **1, 2027.**

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

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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.