

Senate Bill 230

Sponsored by Senator MANNING JR (at the request of Anthony Taylor) (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 makes changes to the Veterans Dental Program. (Flesch Readability Score: 66.1).

Directs the Oregon Health Authority to require oral health care providers to complete an intake screening with an enrollee of the Veterans Dental Program within 15 days after the enrollee initiates contact with the provider.

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Veterans Dental Program; amending ORS 413.650; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 413.650 is amended to read:

5 413.650. (1) As used in this section:

6 (a) "Dental care organization" means a prepaid managed care health services organization, as
7 defined in ORS 414.025, that provides dental care to members of a coordinated care organization.

8 (b) "Medical assistance" has the meaning given that term in ORS 414.025.

9 (c) "Veteran" means an individual who is a veteran, as defined in ORS 408.225, except the in-
10 dividual may be discharged or released under honorable or other than honorable conditions.

11 (2) The Veterans Dental Program is established in the Oregon Health Authority and shall be
12 administered in collaboration with the Department of Consumer and Business Services. The purpose
13 of the program is to provide oral health care to eligible veterans who are residing in Oregon.

14 (3) The authority shall contract with dental care organizations throughout this state and with
15 individual oral health care providers in areas of this state that are not served by dental care or-
16 ganizations to provide oral health care to veterans enrolled in the Veterans Dental Program.

17 (4) Enrollees in the Veterans Dental Program shall receive the types and extent of oral health
18 care services that the authority determines will be provided to medical assistance recipients in ac-
19 cordance with ORS 414.065, without any corresponding copayments, deductibles or cost sharing re-
20 quired.

21 (5) An individual is eligible for the Veterans Dental Program if the individual:

22 (a) Is a resident of Oregon;

23 (b) Is ineligible for medical assistance;

24 (c) Has income that is at or below 400 percent of the federal poverty guidelines; and

25 (d) Is a veteran.

26 (6) The authority shall:

27 (a) Prescribe by rule a simple application process for the Veterans Dental Program.

28 (b) Provide assistance, in person or by telephone, to applicants for and enrollees in the program.

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 (c) Require and accept as verification of eligibility:

2 (A) Documentation demonstrating that an applicant's income is at or below 400 percent of the
3 federal poverty guidelines.

4 (B) An applicant's federal DD Form 214 or 215.

5 **(d) Require dental care organizations and individual oral health care providers that con-**
6 **tract with the authority to provide oral health care to veterans under this section to com-**
7 **plete an intake screening with an enrollee within 15 days after the enrollee initiates contact**
8 **with the organization or provider.**

9 **SECTION 2. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025**
10 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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