

## A-Engrossed Senate Bill 691

Ordered by the Senate April 10  
Including Senate Amendments dated April 10

Sponsored by Senator REYNOLDS, Representatives GRAYBER, NERON, Senator PATTERSON, Representative WALLAN; Senators ANDERSON, GELSER BLOUIN, Representative NELSON (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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

**Digest: The Act tells OHA to give some moneys to an OHSU entity that helps get better maternal and neonatal health care. The Act also says OHA and a CCO have to pay for some peer delivered services and for some hospital services. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.6).**

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Directs the Oregon Health Authority to distribute moneys to an entity within the Oregon Health and Science University that advocates for improved maternal and neonatal outcomes. Requires the authority and a coordinated care organization to *[provide reimbursement for services provided by a peer support specialist]* **reimburse the costs of covered peer delivered services**, regardless of the clinical setting in which services are provided, and for inpatient hospital services provided to specified individuals.

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

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to health care; and prescribing an effective date.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall distribute moneys to the Oregon Health and Science University for the purpose of supporting an entity within the Oregon Health and Science University that advocates for improved maternal and neonatal outcomes through collaboration, implementation of evidence-based practices and policy change in this state. The entity shall provide coordination and technical assistance to existing and new sites that provide perinatal care and substance use disorder treatment for individuals who have substance use disorder and are pregnant or parents of infants.**

**(2) The authority may provide grants to existing sites, as described in subsection (1) of this section, for the purpose of providing continued support for the existing sites.**

**(3)(a) The authority may provide grants to new sites, as described in subsection (1) of this section. In providing grants under this subsection, the authority shall collaborate and enter into a memorandum of understanding with the entity described in subsection (1) of this section to support a new site that receives a grant under this subsection. The memorandum of understanding must specify that the authority is responsible for the administration and provision of grants under this subsection and the entity is responsible for providing technical assistance and operational coordination support to the new sites.**

**(b) The authority and the entity shall enter into the memorandum of understanding described in this subsection not later than November 1, 2025.**

**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.

(4) Not later than December 1, 2026, the authority shall submit a report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to perinatal health. The report must include recommendations for legislation to support and expand programs that provide the services described in subsection (1) of this section. In preparing the report, the authority may collaborate with and utilize data from the entity described in subsection (1) of this section.

**SECTION 2.** There is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$6,500,000 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2025 Act. Of the moneys appropriated under this section:

(1) \$500,000 may be used for the purposes described in section 1 (1) of this 2025 Act;

(2) \$5,000,000 may be used for the purposes described in section 1 (2) of this 2025 Act; and

(3) \$1,000,000 may be used for the purposes described in section 1 (3) of this 2025 Act.

**SECTION 3.** Sections 4 and 5 of this 2025 Act are added to and made a part of ORS chapter 414.

**SECTION 4.** The Oregon Health Authority and a coordinated care organization shall reimburse the costs of covered peer delivered services provided to recipients of medical assistance, regardless of the clinical setting in which the services were provided.

**SECTION 5.** The Oregon Health Authority and a coordinated care organization shall reimburse hospitals for the costs of:

(1) Inpatient hospital services that are provided, for as long as medically necessary and medically appropriate, to a recipient of medical assistance at any gestational age during pregnancy for the purposes of stabilization and medication induction for opioid use disorder; and

(2) Inpatient hospital services that are provided, for as long as medically necessary and medically appropriate, to a recipient of medical assistance after delivery of an infant for the purposes of medication management for substance use disorder, care coordination, social work support, breastfeeding support and initiation of family-infant bonding.

**SECTION 6.** Sections 4 and 5 of this 2025 Act apply to contracts between a coordinated care organization and the Oregon Health Authority entered into, amended or renewed on or after January 1, 2026.

**SECTION 7.** The Oregon Health Authority may seek any necessary approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to carry out sections 1, 4 and 5 of this 2025 Act.

**SECTION 8.** This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.