

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 822

By COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

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1 On page 2 of the printed bill, delete lines 35 through 44 and insert:

2 “(4)(a)(A) The department shall adopt by rule standards for evaluating, under subsection (3) of
3 this section, the adequacy of a carrier’s network of providers in meeting the requirements of sub-
4 section (1) of this section and ensuring access by enrollees to initial and follow-up care without
5 unreasonable delay. Standards shall be consistent with federal standards, including 45
6 C.F.R. 156.230, as in effect on January 1, 2025, but may incorporate flexibility to address issues
7 specific to this state. Standards shall account for designations of a health professional shortage
8 area and access to services based on provider and specialist availability in a geographic area.

9 “(B) The standards may include but are not limited to:

10 “(i) Standards for geographic access to ensure that specified providers are located within a
11 reasonable distance of the homes or workplaces of all the enrollees in the carrier’s plans; and

12 “(ii) Specific limits on the amount of time an enrollee must wait to be seen between requesting
13 care and receiving care.

14 “(C) The standards shall include standards for the scope and extent of telemedicine services,
15 including behavioral health services that carriers may use to demonstrate compliance with network
16 adequacy standards described in this section. As used in this subparagraph, ‘telemedicine’ has the
17 meaning given that term in ORS 743A.058.”.

18 On page 3, delete line 21 and insert:

19 “(7) As used in this section:

20 “(a) ‘Carrier’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 743B.005.

21 “(b) ‘Health professional shortage area’ has the meaning given that term in 42 U.S.C. 254e.”.
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