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Senate Bill 846

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to health care of children served by coordinated care organizations; amending ORS 414.578.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 414.578 is amended to read:

414.578. (1) A community health improvement plan adopted by a coordinated care organization and its community advisory council in accordance with ORS 414.577 shall include a component for addressing the health of children and youth in the areas served by the coordinated care organization including, to the extent practicable, a strategy and a plan for:

(a) Working with programs developed by the Early Learning Council, Early Learning Hubs, the Youth Development Council and the school health providers in the region; and

(b) Coordinating the effective and efficient delivery of health care to children and adolescents in the community.

(2) A community health improvement plan must be based on research, including research into adverse childhood experiences, and must identify funding sources and additional funding necessary to address the health needs of children and adolescents in the community and to meet the goals of the plan. The plan must also:

(a) Evaluate the adequacy of the existing school-based health resources including school-based health centers and school nurses to meet the specific pediatric and adolescent health care needs in the community;

(b) Make recommendations to improve the school-based health center and school nurse system, including the addition or improvement of electronic medical records and billing systems;

(c) Take into consideration whether integration of school-based health centers with the larger health system or system of community clinics would further advance the goals of the plan;

(d) Improve the integration of all services provided to meet the needs of children, adolescents and families;

(e) Focus on primary care, behavioral health and oral health; and

(f) Address promotion of health and prevention and early intervention in the treatment of children and adolescents.

(3) A coordinated care organization shall involve in the development of its community health improvement plan, school-based health centers, school nurses, school mental health providers and individuals representing:

(a) Programs developed by the Early Learning Council and Early Learning Hubs;

(b) Programs developed by the Youth Development Council in the region;

- (c) The Healthy Start Family Support Services program in the region;
- (d) The Cover All People program and other medical assistance programs;
- (e) Relief nurseries in the region;
- (f) Community health centers;
- (g) Oral health care providers;
- (h) Community mental health providers;
- (i) Administrators of county health department programs that offer preventive health services to children;
- (j) Hospitals in the region; and
- (k) Other appropriate child and adolescent health program administrators.

(4) The Oregon Health Authority may provide incentive grants to coordinated care organizations for the purpose of contracting with individuals or organizations to help coordinate integration strategies identified in the community health improvement plan adopted by the community advisory council. The authority may also provide funds to coordinated care organizations to improve systems of services that will promote the implementation of the plan.

(5) Each coordinated care organization shall report to the authority, in the form and manner prescribed by the authority, on the progress of the integration strategies and implementation of the plan for working with the programs developed by the Early Learning Council, Early Learning Hubs, the Youth Development Council and school health care providers in the region, as part of the development and implementation of the community health improvement plan. *[The authority shall compile the information biennially and report the information to the Legislative Assembly by December 31 of each even-numbered year.]* **The authority shall monitor statewide progress and the progress of each coordinated care organization related to working with communities and community programs toward improving equitable access to care and the quality of care for children and youth in the areas served by coordinated care organizations. No later than December 31 of each even-numbered year, the authority shall submit a report to the Legislative Assembly that describes the authority's findings under this subsection.**

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