

Requested by Senator CAMPOS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
SENATE BILL 609**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 19 through 30 and delete pages  
2 2 and 3 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part  
4 of ORS chapter 414.**

5 **“SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

6 **“(a) ‘Behavioral health provider’ means a provider, other than a  
7 primary care provider, who is licensed under ORS chapter 675 to pro-  
8 vide behavioral health services.**

9 **“(b) ‘Behavioral health services’ means mental health or substance  
10 use disorder treatment and services that are provided in a setting  
11 other than a hospital, emergency department or urgent care center.**

12 **“(c) ‘Dental care provider’ means a provider:**

13 **“(A) Who is a:**

14 **“(i) Dentist or dental hygienist licensed by the Oregon Board of  
15 Dentistry under ORS chapter 679 or 680; or**

16 **“(ii) Team of dentists or a dental clinic; and**

17 **“(B) Who provides dental care services.**

18 **“(d) ‘Dental care services’ means the following services that are  
19 provided in a setting other than a hospital, emergency department or  
20 urgent care center:**

21 **“(A) Comprehensive primary dental care; or**

1       **“(B) Basic diagnostic and preventative dental services.**

2       **“(e) ‘Optometry provider’ means a provider licensed under ORS**  
3 **chapter 683 to provide optometry services.**

4       **“(f) ‘Optometry services’ means medical eye and vision examination**  
5 **services that are provided in a setting other than a hospital, emer-**  
6 **gency department or urgent care center.**

7       **“(g) ‘Primary care provider’ means a provider:**

8       **“(A) Who is a:**

9       **“(i) Physician licensed by the Oregon Medical Board under ORS**  
10 **chapter 677; or**

11       **“(ii) Nurse practitioner licensed by the Oregon State Board of**  
12 **Nursing under ORS 678.375 to 678.390; and**

13       **“(B) Whose clinical practice is:**

14       **“(i) Family medicine;**

15       **“(ii) General internal medicine;**

16       **“(iii) Pediatrics;**

17       **“(iv) Prenatal and postnatal obstetrics; or**

18       **“(v) General psychiatry.**

19       **“(h) ‘Primary care services’ means services provided by a primary**  
20 **care provider in a setting other than a hospital, emergency department**  
21 **or urgent care center.**

22       **“(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall reimburse a primary care**  
23 **provider, optometry provider, dental care provider or behavioral health**  
24 **provider for primary care services, optometry services, dental care**  
25 **services or behavioral health services provided to a medical assistance**  
26 **recipient at a rate no less than the average rate, geographically ad-**  
27 **justed, paid by insurers that offer health benefit plans, as defined in**  
28 **ORS 743B.005, in this state.**

29       **“(3) A coordinated care organization shall reimburse a contracted**  
30 **primary care provider, optometry provider, dental care provider or**

1 behavioral health provider for primary care services, optometry ser-  
2 vices, dental care services or behavioral health services provided to a  
3 member of the coordinated care organization at the rate specified in  
4 subsection (2) of this section, excluding any bonus or quality incentive  
5 payments received by the provider. A coordinated care organization  
6 may use alternative payment methodologies if the payments are no  
7 less than the amounts specified in subsection (2) of this section.

8 “(4) The authority may not request an increase in General Fund  
9 appropriations or in expenditure limitations to carry out the pro-  
10 visions of this section and must carry out the provisions of this section  
11 within the authority’s legislatively approved budget.

12 **“SECTION 3. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall monitor and**  
13 **review changes in the reimbursement amounts paid in accordance**  
14 **with section 2 of this 2025 Act over a four-year period and prepare a**  
15 **report on whether the reimbursement amounts paid for services de-**  
16 **scribed in section 2 of this 2025 Act:**

17 “(a) Reduced wait times and increased access and provider choice  
18 for medical assistance recipients;

19 “(b) Improved health outcomes and equity among medical assist-  
20 ance recipients; and

21 “(c) Reduced costs in the medical assistance program due to lower  
22 utilization of services in higher cost categories of services such as  
23 hospital or specialty care services.

24 “(2) The authority shall submit the report prepared in accordance  
25 with subsection (1) of this section to the interim committees of the  
26 Legislative Assembly related to health no later than December 31, 2031.

27 **“SECTION 4. No later than 60 days after the effective date of this**  
28 **2025 Act, the Oregon Health Authority shall seek approval from the**  
29 **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to secure federal financial**  
30 **participation in the reimbursement amounts paid to providers under**

1 **section 2 of this 2025 Act.**

2 **“SECTION 5. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2025 Act become operative**  
3 **upon the receipt of approval from the Centers for Medicare and**  
4 **Medicaid Services under section 4 of this 2025 Act.”.**

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