

HB 3229-4
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Requested by Representative NATHANSON

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 3229**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 26 and delete page
2 2 and insert:

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

4 **“(a) ‘Medical assistance’ has the meaning given that term in ORS**
5 **414.025.**

6 **“(b) ‘Provider’ means an individual who is licensed, certified or**
7 **otherwise authorized to provide behavioral health care services in this**
8 **state.**

9 **“(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall expedite the process for**
10 **enrolling providers in the medical assistance program by utilizing**
11 **separate workflows to process:**

12 **“(a) Initial applications for enrollment;**

13 **“(b) Administrative changes to a provider’s enrollment, including**
14 **a change in the provider’s contact information or employer; and**

15 **“(c) Credentialing changes to a provider’s enrollment, including**
16 **updates to a provider’s licensure or certification.**

17 **“(3) If the authority approves an application in error, the authority**
18 **shall notify both the applicant contact and the applicant’s employer**
19 **of the error.**

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

21 **“(a) ‘Medical assistance’ has the meaning given that term in ORS**

1 414.025.

2 “(b) ‘Provider’ has the meaning given that term in section 1 of this
3 2025 Act.

4 “(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall study the feasibility of de-
5 veloping and implementing an automated, online tool for applications
6 to enroll providers in the medical assistance program that would:

7 “(a) Simplify the processes for initial provider enrollment applica-
8 tions and changes to a provider’s enrollment;

9 “(b) Utilize rule-based programming to ensure that an application
10 includes all required information before the application may be sub-
11 mitted; and

12 “(c) Enable providers and provider organizations to view the status
13 of a pending application.

14 “(3) The authority shall submit a report on the study conducted
15 under this section, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, to the in-
16 terim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health no
17 later than December 15, 2026, and shall include recommendations
18 about:

19 “(a) Potential short-term improvements that could be made by
20 modifying existing software or acquiring new tools;

21 “(b) The availability of federal funding to develop and implement
22 the application tool described in this section; and

23 “(c) Potential ways that the application tool described in this sec-
24 tion could be designed and utilized to expedite the processing of pro-
25 vider enrollment applications.

26 “SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2,
27 2027.

28 “SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-
29 ation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the
30 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount

1 of \$_____, which may be expended for funding temporary staff posi-
2 tions at the authority to reduce to 14 days the processing time for
3 applications submitted by behavioral health care providers seeking to
4 enroll in the medical assistance program.

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

6 **“(a) ‘Coordinated care organization’ and ‘medical assistance’ have**
7 **the meanings given those terms in ORS 414.025.**

8 **“(b) ‘Provider’ has the meaning given that term in section 1 of this**
9 **2025 Act.**

10 **“(2) A coordinated care organization shall review and render a de-**
11 **cision on a provider’s request to contract with the coordinated care**
12 **organization as an in-network provider within 30 days after the coor-**
13 **ordinated care organization receives a complete application.**

14 **“(3) For covered services provided by a contracted provider to a**
15 **medical assistance recipient, a coordinated care organization shall re-**
16 **imburse the provider retroactively to the date that the provider sub-**
17 **mitted to the Oregon Health Authority a complete application for**
18 **enrollment in the medical assistance program that resulted in the as-**
19 **signment of a provider identification number.**

20 **“SECTION 6. Section 5 of this 2025 Act applies to contracts between**
21 **a coordinated care organization and a provider entered into, amended**
22 **or renewed on or after the effective date of this 2025 Act.**

23 **“SECTION 7. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the**
24 **date on which the 2025 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative**
25 **Assembly adjourns sine die.”.**