

Requested by Senator PATTERSON

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
SENATE BILL 822**

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

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

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

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

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

1 On page 3, delete line 21 and insert:

2 “(7) As used in this section:

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

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

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