

HB 3243-3
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Requested by Representative NOSSE

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 3243**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “services” delete the rest of the
2 line and insert a period.

3 Delete lines 4 through 28 and delete page 2 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part**
5 **of the Insurance Code.**

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

7 **“(a) ‘Enrollee’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 743B.005.**

8 **“(b) ‘Established local rate’ means the rate established where the**
9 **health care services originated for the provision of ground ambulance**
10 **services through a publicly accessible process that includes an analysis**
11 **of the cost to provide the ground ambulance services by:**

12 **“(A) The local government entity if the ground ambulance services**
13 **are provided by ground ambulance services organizations that are**
14 **owned or operated by the local government entity; or**

15 **“(B) The contract between a privately owned or operated ground**
16 **ambulance services organization and the local government entity if**
17 **the ground ambulance services are provided by a privately owned or**
18 **operated ground ambulance services organization.**

19 **“(c) ‘Ground ambulance services’ means:**

20 **“(A) The rendering of medical treatment and care at the scene of**
21 **a medical emergency or while transporting an individual from the**

1 scene to an appropriate health care facility when the services are
2 provided by one or more ground ambulance vehicles designed for this
3 purpose; and

4 “(B) Transport between health care facilities when the services are
5 medically necessary and are provided by one or more ground ambu-
6 lance vehicles designed for this purpose.

7 “(d) ‘Ground ambulance services organization’ means a public or
8 private organization licensed by the Oregon Health Authority pursuant
9 to ORS 682.045 to provide ground ambulance services.

10 “(e) ‘Health benefit plan’ has the meaning given that term in ORS
11 743B.005, except that ‘health benefit plan’ does not include a coverage
12 offered by the Public Employees’ Benefit Board or the Oregon Educa-
13 tors Benefit Board through a commercial insurer, a health care service
14 contractor or a third party administrator.

15 “(f) ‘Health care facility’ means a facility that provides health care
16 services directly to patients, including but not limited to a hospital,
17 clinic, health care provider’s office, health maintenance organization,
18 diagnostic or treatment center, mental health facility, behavioral
19 health service provider, emergency services provider or hospice or
20 nursing home.

21 “(g) ‘In-network’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 743B.280.

22 “(2) A ground ambulance service may not bill an enrollee for cov-
23 ered ground ambulance services if the enrollee has paid the in-network
24 cost-sharing amount specified in the enrollee’s health benefit plan.

25 “(3) A health benefit plan must reimburse the ground ambulance
26 services organization at the established local rate or if an established
27 local rate does not exist, in an amount no less than 325 percent of the
28 Medicare rate.

29 “(4) Ground ambulance services organizations shall submit a cata-
30 log of established local rates to the Department of Consumer and

1 Business Services annually and within five calendar days of a change
2 to the rates.

3 “(5) The department shall create a database of established local
4 rates for ground ambulance services. The department shall ensure this
5 database is accessible by the public.

6 “(6) The provisions of this section apply to a self-funded group
7 health plan whether governed by or exempt from the provisions of the
8 Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1001 et
9 seq.), as amended, only if the self-funded group health plan elects to
10 participate in the provisions of this section by providing notice to the
11 department in the form and manner described by the department by
12 rule.

13 “(7) The Public Employees’ Benefit Board and the Oregon Educators
14 Benefit Board may elect to participate in the coverage provisions de-
15 scribed in this section by providing notice to the department in the
16 form and manner described by the department by rule.

17 “(8) This section is exempt from ORS 743A.001.

18 “(9) The department shall make rules to implement the provisions
19 described in this section.

20 “(10) The department may impose civil penalties, as described in
21 ORS 731.988, but may not exceed \$1,000 for repeated violations of this
22 section.

23 **“SECTION 3.** No later than September 15, 2026, the Department of
24 Consumer and Business Services shall submit a report in the form and
25 manner described in ORS 192.245 to the interim committees of the
26 Legislative Assembly related to health. The report shall include:

27 “(1) All consumer complaints received by the department concern-
28 ing billing for services provided by ground ambulance services organ-
29 izations both before and after the implementation of section 2 of this
30 2025 Act.

“(2) The number of contracts ground ambulance services organizations and health benefit plans entered into on or after January 1, 2026.

“(3) Any effect on the premium rates for health benefit plans that occurred on or after January 1, 2026, and can be attributed to the implementation of section 2 of this 2025 Act.

“SECTION 4. Section 3 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.

“SECTION 5. Section 2 of this 2025 Act applies to health benefit plans issued, renewed or extended on or after the effective date of this 2025 Act.”.
