

NURSE CARE COORDINATION

PROBLEM

Oregon's healthcare system faces significant challenges in ensuring timely access to care, particularly for residents in rural and underserved communities. Current regulations require a primary care provider's order for care coordination services, even when those services fall within a registered nurse's authorized scope of practice. This unnecessary requirement leads to administrative bottlenecks, delays in care, and increased strain on patients—especially those navigating post-surgery or post-hospitalization recovery.



SOLUTION: HB 2789

HB 2789 ensures that the OHA cannot require a PCP order as a condition for reimbursing care management services provided by registered nurses, as long as the service is:

- Within the nurse's authorized scope of practice; and
- Provided when the patient does not have a primary care provider.
- Respects the training and expertise of registered nurses while maintaining clear billing and documentation protocols to ensure program integrity.



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