IMPROVED ACCESS TO CARE THROUGH TELEMEDICINE

HOUSE BILL 3727 (2025)

Allows a doctor or PA to sometimes give care to their patient who is temporarily out of this state



Imagine traveling out of state and going to the ER with a severe medical emergency.

What if you were traveling and discovered that your prescription was about to expire?

Current laws would prohibit you from talking to your trusted Oregon doctors for treatment advice or to refill your prescription.

As technological advancements and a more mobile society continue to blur state borders, this disruption of care is happening with increased frequency. We have the opportunity to make a difference.

Background

During the pandemic, emergency declarations were made that loosened regulations for the practice of telemedicine.

Since that time, the practice of telemedicine has become a standard of practice, yet Oregon laws do not currently meet the needs of providers and patients.

Oregon legislators have already enacted permanent measures to allow for flexibility of care via telemedicine. Doctors can consult with patients when the provider is out of state. However, current Oregon law prohibits doctors from consulting when the patient is physically out of the state.

Increasingly, states are implementing telehealth specific exceptions for cross-state licensing. This bill sets up Oregon to be part of this growing network by allowing Oregon licensed physicians and PAs to participate.

State Laws Apply

Providers remain subject to the laws regulating the practice of medicine in the jurisdiction where the patient is located at the time the patient receives health care services.

This Bill

- This bill allows an Oregon licensed provider to provide care when their patient is temporarily out of state.
- Does not infringe on other jurisdictions
- Does not change sideboards or regulations for the professional provisions defining quality of care
- Does not change the practice of telemedicine

Supporters

Oregon Health Leadership Council ZoomCare

Sponsors

Chief Sponsor: Representative Helm

Sponsors:

Senator Reynolds Representative Diehl Representative Javadi Representative Pham

