

A-Engrossed House Bill 4083

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act makes OHA pick a system for a CCO to vet a behavioral health provider. The Act lets some BH care providers supervise BH care providers even if they do not have the same kind of license. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.3).

[Digest: The Act makes OHA create a portal to vet a behavioral health care provider. The Act also lets some BH care providers supervise other BH care providers who have different licenses. The Act tells the MHRA to oversee and help run the BLSW. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.6).]

Requires the Oregon Health Authority to, no later than June 30, 2027, adopt a uniform process for credentialing *[organizational]* behavioral health providers and *[establish a centralized portal for processing applications]* **select an existing electronic credentialing system**. Prohibits a coordinated care organization from requiring a behavioral health provider to comply with any additional credentialing procedures. **Requires a coordinated care organization to begin using the selected electronic credentialing system no later than July 1, 2027.**

Requires the authority to minimize unnecessary administrative burden for individual and organizational behavioral health providers who serve medical assistance recipients and to report biennially to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly.

Allows certain licensed behavioral health care providers to provide supervision for other behavioral health care providers who hold different license types.

[Provides that the Mental Health Regulatory Agency will provide administrative and regulatory oversight and centralized service for the State Board of Licensed Social Workers.]

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to behavioral health care providers; and prescribing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

CREDENTIALING AND ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Behavioral health provider" includes:

(A) An individual who is licensed, certified or otherwise authorized to provide behavioral health care services in this state; and

(B) An organizational provider, as defined in ORS 430.637.

(b) "Coordinated care organization" has the meaning given that term in ORS 414.025.

(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall:

(a) Adopt by rule a uniform process for credentialing behavioral health providers; and

(b) Select an existing electronic credentialing system for use by behavioral health providers and coordinated care organizations in credentialing behavioral health providers.

(3) A coordinated care organization:

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

(a) Shall use the credentialing system selected by the authority for credentialing behavioral health providers; and

(b) May not require a behavioral health provider to comply with any credentialing procedures other than the uniform process adopted by the authority under this section.

SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall select an electronic credentialing system and complete rulemaking required under section 1 of this 2026 Act no later than June 30, 2027.

(2) A coordinated care organization, as defined in ORS 414.025, shall begin using the electronic credentialing system selected under section 1 of this 2026 Act no later than July 1, 2027.

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

(a) "Behavioral health provider" includes:

(A) An individual who is licensed, certified or otherwise authorized to provide behavioral health care services in this state; and

(B) An organizational provider, as defined in ORS 430.637.

(b) "Medical assistance" has the meaning given that term in ORS 414.025.

(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall minimize unnecessary administrative burden for behavioral health providers who serve medical assistance recipients.

(3) In carrying out this section, the authority shall:

(a) Solicit suggestions from behavioral health providers; and

(b) Seek any necessary approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

(4) Each biennium, the authority shall report to the Governor and the committees of the Legislative Assembly related to behavioral health in the manner provided in ORS 192.245. The report shall identify:

(a) The efforts that the authority has made to solicit suggestions from behavioral health providers;

(b) Any suggestions from behavioral health providers that the authority has implemented; and

(c) The status of any request for approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

SUPERVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

SECTION 4. Section 5 of this 2026 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 675.510 to 675.600.

SECTION 5. (1) The State Board of Licensed Social Workers shall adopt rules to allow, in addition to those individuals regulated by the board, at least the following individuals to provide the supervision required for the issuance of an authorization to practice regulated social work:

(a) A licensed psychologist, as defined in ORS 675.010;

(b) A licensed marriage and family therapist, as defined in ORS 675.705; and

(c) A licensed professional counselor, as defined in ORS 675.705.

(2) In adopting rules under this section, the board may consult as necessary with the Oregon Board of Psychology and the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists. If the rules adopted under this section allow for supervision by individuals reg-

