

IHN-CCO Community Advisory Council

Government Relations Update
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InterCommunity 
Health Network CCO



2022 Short Session Bills

HB 4003

Addresses nurse workforce shortage; creates nurse intern license, temporary licensure for out of state nurses in good standing, adds RNs to Oregon Wellness Program.

Supported/**PASSED**

HB 4004

Requires Oregon Health Authority to distribute grants to behavioral health treatment providers for staff compensation and workforce retention and recruitment.

Supported/**PASSED**

HB 4035

Amended to address the Medicaid redetermination process and creates a basic health plan as a bridge for individuals in the 138-200% of federal poverty level.

Supported/**PASSED**.

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HB 4039

Modifies financial requirements for coordinated care organization expenditures on social determinants of health and health equity. **Support/FAILED.**

HB 4101

Increases distance from certain parts of public places and places of employment within which person may not smoke, aerosolize or vaporize inhalant from 10 feet to 25 feet. **Support/FAILED.**

HB 4106

Allows person employed by health care facility to practice surgical technology if person is enrolled in or has completed specified apprenticeship program or obtained specified certification. **Support/PASSED.**

HB 4134

Coverage for labor and delivery provided at out of network hospital if due to diversion from in network hospital related to PHE. **Neutral/PASSED**

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HB 4123

Requires Oregon Department of Administrative Services to provide grants for certain coordinated homeless response systems. Benton and Lincoln to receive \$1M each.

Support/PASSED.

HB 4142

Expands crime of assault in the third degree to include intentionally or knowingly causing physical injury to person working in hospital while worker is performing official duties. Support/FAILED.

HB 4150

Requires Health Information Technology Oversight Council to convene stakeholders to explore options to accelerate, support and improve secure, statewide community information exchanges. Support/PASSED.

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SB 1549

Requires Oregon Health Authority to issue temporary staffing agency license to qualified applicant. OHA stakeholder group to submit a report regarding rate setting.

Oppose to Neutral/**PASSED**.

SB 1574

Includes specified documentation, when authorized by the victim, in the definition of “sexual assault forensic evidence kit” for the purpose of statutes regulating collection, testing and retention of kits. **Support/PASSED**.

SB 1529

Access to primary care and outpatient behavioral health coverage to 3 additional visits annually, allows same day visits without additional copayment. **Neutral/PASSED**

Investments

- **Future Ready Oregon: \$200M** workforce development in technology, health care, and manufacturing focused on priority populations.
- **Behavioral Health Workforce and Rates: \$132M** for providers directed to employee pay, recruitment, and retention. Additional allocations to increase residential rates, Medicaid fee for service rates, and CCO rates.
- **Increase OHP postpartum** coverage from 3 months to 12 months.
- **988 Hotline:** National implementation begins July 1st for a “911” like system for Behavioral Health emergencies. Provides \$5M for hotline, \$10M to counties, and \$2M to OHA.
- **Behavioral Health Housing: Provides \$100M** for counties to invest locally.
- **OHSU 30-30-30: Provides \$45M** to OHSU to increase graduates and graduate diversity by 30% by 2030.
- **Housing and homelessness investment of \$400M:** services, affordable housing, access to homeownership.
- **\$300M education package** for staffing and summer school.
- **\$100M for climate resiliency** for drought, extreme weather, and infrastructure needs.

OHP Redeterminations

- Oregon will have 14 months to complete 1.4 million redeterminations after the public health emergency ends (anticipate July).
- OHA will stagger and prioritize member redeterminations. Members will have 90 days to respond and receive a 60-day notice prior to disenrollment.
- Provide increased flexibilities for CCOs for member outreach and engagement. Allow CCOs to provide member contact information to OHA.
- OHA/ODHS/DCBS create community and partner workgroup to develop outreach, enrollment assistance, and communication strategies.

OHP Redeterminations

- OHA to report to the legislature by May 31, 2022, outlining the process, timelines, risks, and use of funds.
- Approximately 300,000 CCO members will lose OHP coverage.
- OHA to report to the legislature by March 1, 2023, outlining CMS waivers or other approvals granted, implementation process, and timeline to completion.
- Seeking temporary enrollment extension for members 139%-200% Federal Poverty Level until bridge plan is operational.

Bridge Plan- Basic Health Plan

- CCO members between 139-200% of the federal poverty level, estimate is 55,000. Individual marketplace estimate is 30,000.
- Task Force first meeting by March 31st and proposal due September 1st.
- CCO based plan with potential to be offered on the exchange.
- Submit Waiver approval to create basic health plan using federal subsidies.
- Target approval date from CMS in Spring 2023.
- Create a permanent plan option.

Questions?

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