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SUMMARY

Requires Oregon Health Authority to contract with community-based organizations to operate pilot project to provide used durable medical equipment to medical assistance recipients. Appropriates moneys to Oregon Health Authority for grants to community-based organizations operating pilot project.

Sunsets pilot project January 2, 2018.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to durable medical equipment; appropriating money; and declaring
3 an emergency.

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

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

6 (a) **“Coordinated care organization” has the meaning given that**
7 **term in ORS 414.025.**

8 (b) **“Durable medical equipment” means equipment that is primarily**
9 **and customarily used for a medical purpose, can withstand repeated**
10 **use and is appropriate for use in the home.**

11 (c) **“Equipment” means durable medical equipment that was do-**
12 **nated by an individual or organization.**

13 (d) **“Medical assistance” has the meaning given that term in ORS**
14 **414.025.**

15 (2) **The Oregon Health Authority shall contract with one or more**
16 **community-based organizations to operate a pilot project to test**
17 **whether the authority and coordinated care organizations can achieve**
18 **good outcomes for individuals who receive medical assistance by re-**

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.

1 using durable medical equipment, in conjunction with the purchase
2 of new durable medical equipment, in a safe, functionally appropriate
3 and cost-effective manner. The pilot project shall serve recipients of
4 medical assistance who reside in the areas of Washington, Multnomah,
5 Clackamas, Marion and Polk Counties that are served by coordinated
6 care organizations. The pilot project may be expanded, as appropriate,
7 to other areas.

8 (3) The pilot project must have all of the following elements:

9 (a) The capacity to receive, store and transport used equipment.

10 (b) A web-based, searchable and regularly updated inventory of the
11 equipment that is available for reuse.

12 (c) A strategy to facilitate sufficient and appropriate equipment
13 donations.

14 (d) Procedures, adopted by the authority by rule, to ensure that:

15 (A) Reused equipment is safe and functionally appropriate;

16 (B) Reused equipment is properly cleaned, sanitized, repaired,
17 refurbished and reconfigured;

18 (C) There is a streamlined and user-friendly process for requesting
19 equipment, processing the requests, checking the status of requests
20 and maintaining records of requests and distributions of equipment;

21 (D) The community-based organizations properly dispose of equip-
22 ment or salvage parts from equipment if the equipment is unsuitable
23 for reuse; and

24 (E) Assistive technology professionals or other appropriately li-
25 censed or certified providers:

26 (i) Assess each individual's needs for equipment, consult with and
27 advise the individual and the individual's care provider in the selection
28 of equipment and continue to be available after the delivery of reused
29 equipment to provide support, repairs and adjustments; and

30 (ii) Inspect, adjust, refurbish and fit the reused equipment.

31 (4) The authority shall develop, collect and analyze data necessary

1 to assess the success of the pilot project and report the results of the
2 assessment to the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly no later than
3 February 1, 2016. The authority shall continue to report annually to
4 the Legislative Assembly until the end of the pilot project.

5 (5) The authority shall reimburse the community organizations op-
6 erating the pilot project, on a fee-for-service basis, for the costs of
7 providing, delivering and servicing each item of equipment provided
8 to individuals eligible for medical assistance who are not members of
9 coordinated care organizations. The authority shall adopt the re-
10 imbursement rates by rule.

11 (6) The authority shall take all actions necessary to implement the
12 pilot project no later than October 1, 2014.

13 (7) The authority may apply for and receive gifts or grants from any
14 public or private source for the purpose of carrying out this section.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority,
16 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, out of the General Fund, the
17 amount of \$50,000 for providing grants to community organizations
18 operating the pilot project described in section 1 of this 2014 Act.

19 SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2014 Act is repealed January 2, 2018.

20 SECTION 4. This 2014 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-
21 ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-
22 clared to exist, and this 2014 Act takes effect on its passage.

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