

CHAPTER 61

AN ACT

HB 4095

Relating to veterans; and prescribing an effective date.

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

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

(a) “Dental care organization” means a pre-paid managed care health services organization, as defined in ORS 414.025, that provides dental care to members of a coordinated care organization.

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

(c) “Veteran” means an individual who is a veteran, as defined in ORS 408.225, except the individual may be discharged or released under honorable or other than honorable conditions.

(2) The Veterans Dental Program is established in the Oregon Health Authority and shall be administered in collaboration with the Department of Consumer and Business Services. The purpose of the program is to provide oral health care to eligible veterans who are residing in Oregon.

(3) The authority shall contract with dental care organizations throughout this state and with individual oral health care providers in areas of this state that are not served by dental care organizations to provide oral health care to veterans enrolled in the Veterans Dental Program.

(4) Enrollees in the Veterans Dental Program shall receive the types and extent of oral health care services that the authority determines will be provided to medical assistance recipients in accordance with ORS 414.065, without any corresponding copayments, deductibles or cost sharing required.

(5) An individual is eligible for the Veterans Dental Program if the individual:

- (a) Is a resident of Oregon;
- (b) Is ineligible for medical assistance;
- (c) Has income that is at or below 400 percent of the federal poverty guidelines; and
- (d) Is a veteran.

(6) The authority shall:

(a) Prescribe by rule a simple application process for the Veterans Dental Program.

(b) Provide assistance, in person or by telephone, to applicants for and enrollees in the program.

(c) Require and accept as verification of eligibility:

(A) Documentation demonstrating that an applicant’s income is at or below 400 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

(B) An applicant’s federal DD Form 214 or 215.

SECTION 2. (1) The provision of oral health care through the Veterans Dental Program established under section 1 of this 2022 Act shall begin January 1, 2023.

(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall accept applications to enroll in the Veterans Dental Program beginning no later than November 1, 2022.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$1,000,000 is established for the biennium ending June 30, 2023, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from lottery moneys allocated from the Veterans’ Services Fund established under ORS 406.140 to the Oregon Health Authority for implementation of sections 1 and 2 of this 2022 Act.

SECTION 4. This 2022 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2022 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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