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Senate supports ‘whole person’ health care strategies *HB 2675 requires CCOs to adopt comprehensive community health plans*

SALEM – The Oregon Senate voted today to send a bill to the Governor for signature that requires local Coordinated Care Organizations to develop community health plans that incorporate all aspects of wellness, such as dental and mental health.

House Bill 2675 – which passed by a 28-2 vote on the Senate floor – requires Coordinated Care Organizations’ Community Advisory Councils to develop and adopt community health improvement plans that include comprehensive health services. These plans would include traditional medical care, along with dental, mental health and other services that have a profound effect on one’s wellness.

Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward (D-Beaverton and NW Portland), who carried the bill on the Senate floor, also works as a family physician at OHSU.

“Behavioral and oral health can have profound impacts on a person’s health and ability to remain healthy,” Steiner Hayward said. “All aspects of care are intertwined, and we can’t offer successful preventive care without addressing all aspects of a person’s health – physical, mental and oral. This is a common-sense bill that requires plans to treat the ‘whole person’ instead of continuing to break care up into silos that have little do with each other. It’s about providing comprehensive, seamless care that will lead to better results.”

Oregon law requires that every Coordinated Care Organization have at least one Community Advisory Council, which must include representatives from the community and county government, as well as a majority of members who are consumers. Each of these councils is required to oversee a community health assessment, adopt a community health improvement

plan, and publish a report annually on the Coordinated Care Organization's progress on the plan.

Initial community health improvement plans often did not include integrating physical, behavioral and oral health services. Subsequent plans and reports required of the advisory councils have not addressed the need for those services to be offered to enrollees. House Bill 2675 requires the community health improvement plans to focus on and develop strategies to integrate physical, behavioral and oral health services.

HB 2675 now goes to Gov. Kate Brown for signature.

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