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Legislation Stops Costs from Getting Between You and Your Preventive Health Care Choices

Senate Bill 1598 requires health insurance plans to keep covering scientifically proven vaccines

SALEM, OR – Oregonians who choose vaccination to prevent illnesses like whooping cough, measles, polio, hepatitis, and more have new, state-level protections to keep the vaccines affordable. Senate Bill 1598 says insurance plans in Oregon must fully cover scientifically valid vaccines, without charging patients out-of-pocket costs.

“For decades, the federal government has regulated no-cost access to medically recommended vaccines, but the Trump administration’s hostility to scientific evidence has raised the risk you’ll be hit with a surprise bill,” said **Senator Lisa Reynolds, MD (D – Portland)**. “Today’s legislation maintains low- or no-cost options for Oregonians under their health plans.”

Senate Bill 1598 requires that health plans cover preventive health services, including vaccines, as they were defined by federal regulators and advisory agencies by June 30, 2025, or as recommended by Oregon’s public health officer. The legislation removes financial barriers to preventive care but has no mandates on patients to receive any particular care.

The legislation passed in a vote of 17 to 11. It now moves to the Oregon House of Representatives.

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