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Urgent Care Services Are Clearer, More Predictable Under Legislation Passed Today in the Oregon Senate

House Bill 4107 requires some standard services and easy-to-find disclosures

SALEM, OR – One in five Americans does not have a usual place they get health care, and many Oregonians have scrambled to find new providers when their regular primary care clinic was sold. That makes urgent care clinics vital for meeting medical needs, but it can be difficult to know what services a patient should expect at each location. Legislation passed in the Oregon Senate today creates new clarity for people shopping for care.

“When you see a sign that says ‘urgent care,’ you need to know what help is available to you there,” said **Senator Floyd Prozanski (D – Springfield & Eugene)**, a chief sponsor of the measure.

House Bill 4107 spells out standard services required at locations advertised as “urgent” or “urgent care” and mandates information that must appear on signage near the clinic’s entrance and on the clinic’s website.

Under the measure, urgent care clinics must have at least one licensed health care provider on site and must be able to provide tests for common respiratory diseases; certain electrocardiograms; splints for strain, sprains, and fractures; and stitches for simple lacerations. Signage and websites must—along with basic information on the clinic’s name, address, and hours—specify any affiliated health system, types of payment and insurance accepted, services offered, diagnostic capabilities, telemedicine offerings, and whether walk-ins or appointments are available.

The measure originated in the Oregon House of Representatives, where it was championed by **Representative Nancy Nathanson (D – N. Eugene)** and passed last month.

“As people across the state are losing access to primary care and specialty care, they’re turning more to urgent care. It’s time to set minimum standards for services,” said **Representative Nathanson**.

The legislation cleared the Oregon Senate today in a vote of 28 to 1. Ten Republicans joined Senate Democrats in support. The measure now goes to Governor Tina Kotek for her signature.

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