

SB 1569 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon Health Plan to cover cognitive assessment and care planning for its members who experience signs or symptoms of cognitive impairment.

Detailed Summary:

Defines “cognitive impairment” as deficiency in short-term or long-term memory, orientation as to person, place, and time, or deductive or abstract reasoning. Requires payment for cognitive assessment and care planning to be included among services covered by the Oregon Health Plan. Requires, at minimum, reimbursement for services described in the Medicare billing code.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

According to the Alzheimer’s Association, 10.9% of Oregonians aged 45 and older report they experience confusion or memory loss, and more than half of those have not talked to a health care professional about it ([link](#) to Alzheimer Association fact sheet). Medicare covers a visit to thoroughly assess cognitive function and to develop a care plan for patients who shows signs of cognitive impairment.