

A blurred background image showing several medical professionals in white lab coats. One person in the foreground is holding a stethoscope. The image is slightly out of focus, emphasizing the text overlay.

2025 Legislative Session Recap ***OMA's Key Health Care Policy Outcomes***

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SB 531: Oregon Wellness Program Funding

- The OWP provides free, confidential and expedited mental health services to clinicians in crisis
- COVID has increased health care workforce shortages and clinician depression
- The OWP is beyond its budgetary capacity and without state support, these valuable services may become unavailable to clinicians in need.
- OMA and partners seeked \$1.6M to stabilize funding
- The program did not receive funding.

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HB 3134: Reduce Administrative Burden

- Administrative tasks that don't contribute to quality patient care leads to burnout by clinicians and staff
- Preauthorization creates a massive financial and administrative strain on clinics
- OMA and coalition partners wanted to expedite patient treatment and reduce heavy administrative burden
- Bill was passed and signed into law:
 - Public reporting of prior authorization data by DCBS
 - Reimbursement protections for medically necessary services
 - Electronic prior authorization alignment by 2027

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SB 125: Eliminate Triple Taxation on Clinics

- Clinics that routinely provide care to Medicare and Medicaid patients are still suffering financially since the pandemic
- Adding to this struggle is essentially a double taxation on this care
- The Corporate Activities Tax (CAT) applies to state payer reimbursement rates which are lower than commercial payers and non-negotiable
- Creates an unfair taxation
- The legislature should exempt public payer reimbursements to reduce this financial burden
- The issue moved further along this session than previous, however it did not pass

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HB 3912: Professional Title Transparency

- Oregon has a statute to ensure the title of “doctor” is used appropriately so patients are not confused about the qualifications of the individual treating them
- This statute needed updating to ensure credentials are transparent for patients
- The current statute does not address social media or name badges
- Bill was passed and signed into law

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Health Care Workforce Incentive Program

- Recruiting and retaining clinicians in rural and underserved communities is challenging
- Oregon's Health Care Provider Incentive Program and the Oregon Rural Health Practitioner Tax Credit Program provide a much-needed tool in the recruitment and retention toolbox
- OMA advocated for current funding of programs and succeeded

Keys Bills of Interest

SB 951 / HB 3410 – Corporate Practice & Noncompete Reform

- OMA worked with key sponsors of legislation on updating the Corporate Practice of Medicine stature within Oregon's laws
- OMA chief goal was to clarify and protect clinical autonomy from non-medical corporate control

Keys Bills of Interest

SB 951 / HB 3410 – Corporate Practice & Noncompete Reform

- Noncompete Agreements
 - Law creates a general ban with limited exceptions (e.g., ownership rights, new investments, independents)
- Management Services Organizations (MSOs)
 - MSO restrictions apply to the MSO, not directly to individual physicians
- Enforcement of Anticompetitive Conduct
 - SB 951 allows licensees/entities to sue MSOs for inappropriate interference

Key Bills of Interest - Liability

SB 1173 - Product Liability - **PASSED**

- In 2024, the Oregon Supreme Court’s decision in *Brown v. Providence Health* held that hospitals can be considered “sellers” under Oregon’s strict product liability law. Current law exempts physicians, but hospitals and medical clinics remain exposed to liability—even if they played no role in manufacturing or distributing the product
- The bill would add hospitals and clinics to the exemption
- Bill passed the House floor within hours of sine die

Key Bills of Interest

HB 3127 - Death Certificates - PASSED

- Mandate use of electronic filing starting January 1, 2026

• HB 3242 – Payment during Credentialing - PASSED

- Reimburse healthcare clinicians with in-network rates during credentialing period

Emerging Issues

- Prior Authorization
 - Electronic submission
 - AI Use in Prior Auth and Audits
- AI In Health Care
 - Downcoding
- Interpreter services
 - Unfunded requirements
 - Reimbursement
 - Capping of Fees
 - Use of staff and technology
- Credentialing solutions
- Funding for OWP
- Changes to Oregon's Prioritized List
- Continued Advocacy of CAT exemption
- Vaccine Issues
- Implementation of OBBBA
 - OHP Rates
 - Admin Burden
 - Continuity of Care

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