

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

February 17, 2005
3:00 P.M.

Hearing Room D
Tapes 20 - 21

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Bill Morrisette, Chair
Sen. Jeff Kruse, Vice-Chair
Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson
Sen. Charles Starr

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Rick Metsger

STAFF PRESENT: Rick Berkobien, Committee Administrator
Brittany Kenison, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:
SB 540 – Public Hearing
Oregon Health Plan: Quality assurance and consumer satisfaction with fully
capitated health plans – Informational Meeting.

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| <u>TAPE/#</u> | <u>Speaker</u> | <u>Comments</u> |
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| TAPE 20, A | | |
| 005 | Chair Morrisette | Calls the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. Opens public hearing on SB 540. |
| <u>SB 540 – PUBLIC HEARING</u> | | |
| 008 | Rick Berkobien | Committee Administrator. Explains bill. |
| 035 | Steve Manela | Director, Community Health Centers of Lane County. Submits and presents informational handout on Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) “wrap around” payments (EXHIBIT A). Also testifies in support of SB 540. |
| 075 | Chair Morrisette | Asks Manela to explain “LIPA” and “OMAP.” |
| 080 | Manela | Answers that OMAP stands for the Office of Medical Assistance and LIPA stands for Lane Independent Practitioners Association. |
| 085 | Manela | Explains the process for receiving payments from multiple organizations. |
| 120 | Manela | Discusses issues in lag time in wrap around payments for the FQHC’s. |
| 145 | Manela | Addresses goals and possible solutions to help with possible cash flow. |
| 155 | Manela | Summarizes and concludes. |
| 180 | Sen. Monnes Anderson | Clarifies that the community centers in Lane County do not do electronic billing. |
| 185 | Manela | Answers that yes they do with OMAP. |
| 190 | Jim Marr | Oregon Primary Care Association (OPCA). Submits and presents written testimony on behalf of Laura Sisulak, Director of Policy, OPCA (EXHIBIT B). |
| 245 | Gil Munoz | Executive Director, Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center. Submits PowerPoint presentation on the health center (EXHIBIT C). |

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| 300 | Munoz | Continues to provide information in support of SB 540. |
| 380 | Joy Soaras | Representative, CareOregon Inc. Submits and presents testimony on behalf of Margaret Crowley in support of SB 540 (EXHIBIT D). |
| TAPE 21, A | | |
| 005 | Dave Ford | Chief Executive Officer, CareOregon, Inc. Testifies in support of SB 540. |
| 050 | Chair Morrisette | Comments on Ford's testimony. Asks if Ford volunteered to be a part of the work group. |
| 058 | Ford | Answers yes. |
| 060 | Sen. Kruse | Asks if dual eligible patients create difficulties. |
| 065 | Ford | Answers yes. |
| 067 | Sen. Kruse | Comments on the long term benefits to resolve the situation. |
| 070 | Ford | Agrees. Elaborates. |
| 073 | Sen. Monnes Anderson | Asks if all clinics have electronic billing. |
| 075 | Ford | Answers that most clinics do. Discusses consolidated billing. |
| 100 | Soaras | Explains that smaller clinics do not have electronic billing. Elaborates. |
| 104 | Sen. Monnes Anderson | Asks Soaras if she knows the percentage who do not have electronic billing. |
| 105 | Soaras | Answers no. |
| 106 | Ford | Offers to return information to the committee. |
| 110 | Soaras | Asks if it is for all providers or for primary care only. |
| 113 | Monnes Anderson | Answers that it is for all providers. Explains the beneficial use of electronic billing. Mentions bill to be introduced addressing the issue. |
| 120 | Kruse | States what he would like to provide the non federally qualified centers. |
| 122 | Soaras | Affirms statement. |
| 135 | Ed Patterson | Executive Director, Rural Health Association. Provides background on rural clinics in Oregon. Testifies in support of SB 540. |
| 160 | Karen Whitaker | Vice Provost, Rural Health office, Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU). Comments on the finished survey of rural health clinics. Explains the difference of rural healthcare clinics versus urban. |
| 180 | Troy Soenen | Field Service Specialist, Rural Health office, OHSU. States that he spent a summer with rural clinics across Oregon and expresses concerns with cash flow and reimbursement. |
| 215 | Whitaker | States that she spoke with Barney Speight about the issue of the rural health clinics. |
| 220 | Chair Morrisette | Asks Soenen where his office is located. |
| 222 | Soenen | Answers that it is in Portland at the OHSU center for Rural Health. |
| 225 | Chair Morrisette | Asks Soenen if he would like to be part of a work group. |
| 227 | Soenen | Answers that he would like to attend. |
| 230 | Sen. Kruse | Expresses need to aggregate small rural health centers to be qualified for federal money. |
| 240 | Whitaker | Responds that it would be great idea and will look into pursuing it. |
| 245 | Chair Morrisette | Closes public hearing on SB 540. Opens informational meeting on the Oregon Health Plan: Quality assurance and consumer satisfaction with fully capitated health plans. |

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| 255 | Barney Speight | Administrator, Health Services, Office of Medical Health, Oregon Department of Human Services. Submits written testimony related to reimbursement to Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics (EXHIBIT E). |
| 300 | Speight | Provides overview of reimbursement process. |
| 350 | Speight | Continues to provide overview of reimbursement process. |
| 410 | Chair Morrisette | Refers to clinics without electronic billing or computers. Asks if the lag time is due to paper billing. |
| 425 | Speight | Explains the issue with lag time. |
| TAPE 20, B | | |
| 020 | Chair Morrisette | Asks if he is aware of another model in other states |
| 025 | Speight | Answers that he is not aware and will speak with Ford. |
| 035 | Sen. Kruse | Clarifies that regulations state that Oregon's Medical Assistance Program (OMAP) is to pay quarterly. |
| 040 | Speight | Answers that he will have to check on the regulations. Provides further explanation on quarterly billing. |
| 050 | Speight | Summarizes and concludes. |
| 055 | Chair Morrisette | Comments on a future work group to address reimbursement issue. |
| 068 | Chair Morrisette | Closes informational meeting on the Oregon Health Plan: Quality assurance and consumer satisfaction with fully capitated health plans. Adjourns meeting at 4:07 p.m. |

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A. SB 540, informational handout, Steve Manela, 2 pp**
- B. SB 540, written testimony of Laura Sisulak, Jim Marr, 3 pp**
- C. SB 540, PowerPoint presentation, Gil Munoz, 5 pp**
- D. SB 540, written testimony of Margaret Crowley, Joy Soaras, 1 p**
- E. SB 540, healthcare, written testimony, Barney Speight, 3 pp**