# 2021 Session Bills of Note – OHIM

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## **SB 65**

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- Extends for one year sunset on Task Force on Universal Health Care and extends deadline for task force to submit recommendations to Legislative Assembly.
- · Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## SB 557/HB 2557 & SB 706

- SB 557/HB 2557
  - Establishes COFA Dental Program in Oregon Health Authority to provide dental care to lowincome citizens of Pacific Islands in Compact of Free Association who reside in Oregon and lack access to affordable dental coverage.
  - Specifies eligibility requirements for program and duties of authority in administering program.
- SB 706 not introduced at time of report
  - o Creates and funds COFA outreach through OHA

## HB 2042

- Prohibits surprise billing for emergency services provided at out-of-network facility. Prohibits out-ofnetwork health care provider or health care facility from billing or attempting to collect from enrollee in health benefit plan or health care service contract for emergency services provided at in-network facility or out-of-network facility or for other inpatient or outpatient services provided at in-network facility.
- Removes sunset on provisions related to surprise billing.

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- Allows DCBS to access data in All Payer All Claims database by certifying data will only be used to carry out department's duties.
- Protects from disclosure PII about consumers who report to department price increases for prescriptions drugs. Requires pharmaceutical manufacturers to report to department information about patient assistance programs offered to consumers for certain new prescription drugs introduced for sale in U.S.
- Requires all insurers offering health benefit plans to annually report to department data about prescription drugs covered by plans.

## **HB 2045**

 Directs DCBS to study and evaluate requirements to maintain accreditation with NAIC and to submit findings and recommendations for legislation to appropriate committee of Legislative Assembly not later than December 31, 2022.

## HB 2046

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  - Removes or modifies certain references to federal law in laws concerning health insurance.

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- HB 2081
  - Modifies Health Care Cost Growth Target Program and Health Care Cost Growth Target Implementation Committee.
- HB 2491
  - Requires short term health insurance policies to cover essential health benefits (EHB).
    Prohibits short term health insurance policies with terms of six months or longer from denying coverage based on preexisting condition. Requires short term health insurance policies to cover EHB.

## HB 2492

 Prescribes grace periods for payment of premiums on certain types of health insurance. Requires notice for nonpayment of premiums to be mailed specified number of days prior to end of grace period. Authorizes DCBS to prescribe by rule content of notices sent for nonpayment of premiums. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## SB 5510

- Limits certain biennial expenditures from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts, but excluding lottery funds and federal funds, collected or received by DCBS.
- Limits biennial expenditures by department from federal funds.
- Authorizes specified nonlimited expenditures.
- Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

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