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SB 1503 (2016) Executive Summary

[Senate Bill 1503](#) requires the Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB) and Department of Business and Consumer Services (DCBS) to collect and report specific data from insurers regarding the implementation of [ORS 743A.036](#) -- services provided by certified nurse practitioners (NPs) or licensed physician assistants (PAs). To meet this charge, DCBS solicited information from insurance companies through a standard questionnaire process.

Please find the requested data points and associated data in the table below.

SB 1503 Data Collection Requirement	Data
The number of insurers that changed reimbursement amounts in response to the law.	5 companies changed reimbursement rates.
The number of physician assistants and nurse practitioners whose reimbursement rates were increased as a result of the law.	3140 independent PAs and NPs received increases in reimbursement rates for primary care or mental health services as a result of ORS 743A.036 from January 1, 2014, through March 31, 2016.
The number of physician assistants and nurse practitioners who were in independent practice but denied reimbursement by an insurer's requirement that they bill using a clinic identifier.	197 claims were denied for primary care or mental health services provided by PAs or NPs from January 1, 2014, through March 31, 2016, because the claim did not include a clinic identifier.
The costs incurred by each insurer to implement the amendments to ORS 743A.036 by Section 4, Chapter 430, Oregon Laws 2013.	Insurers reported costs including those associated with increased reimbursement, system programming and education. The total reported cost was \$747,273.47; \$721,053.47 for increased reimbursements and \$26,220.00 for costs associated with system programming and education.

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