



Hearing Officer's Report to Agency on Rulemaking Hearing

Date: 6/10/2026
To: Department of Consumer and Business Services
From: Brooke Hall, Hearing Officer
Subject: Network Adequacy Standards for Health Benefit Plans – Implementation of SB 822

Hearing Date/Time: May 26, 2026
Hearing Location: Hybrid meeting conducted in person at Labor and Industries Building and virtually on Microsoft Teams
Comment Period End: June 2, 2026

Background

Senate Bill 822, established in 2025, directs the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to adopt quantitative, measurable standards for evaluating the adequacy of provider networks in individual and group health benefit plans. The bill requires that network adequacy standards be based on nationally recognized measures and that carriers demonstrate, through annual reporting, that their networks provide enrollees with timely and geographically reasonable access to covered services. Under this authority, the Division of Financial Regulation is amending and adopting rules in OAR 836-053-0300 through 836-053-0355 to implement SB 822 and to ensure that Oregon's network adequacy standards align with current federal benchmarks and Oregon specific needs.

DCBS adopted temporary rules effective January 1, 2026, and those rules are scheduled to expire on June 29, 2026. DCBS is proposing edits to the temporary rules to make them permanent and to ensure continued implementation of Senate Bill 822 (2025). The proposed permanent rules revise, clarify, and strengthen Oregon's network adequacy framework by aligning state requirements with federal Qualified Health Plan standards and incorporating Oregon-specific expectations for access to care.

Hearing

A public hearing to receive testimony was held on May 26, 2026. Notice for the hearing was published in the Oregon Bulletin on May 1, 2026. Public testimony was accepted until 5:00 p.m. on June 2, 2026. Representing DCBS at the public hearing were Brooke Hall, Lisa Emerson, Stephanie Clodfelter, Jill Schlosser, and Karen Winkel. Seventeen members of the public attended the hearing remotely, and none provided verbal testimony. No public comments were received in writing after the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was published and before the comment deadline.

Summary of Testimony

Neither verbal nor written testimony was received.

Discussion

As no comments were received, no further discussion is necessary.

Recommendation

As no comments were received, my recommendation is to amend and adopt the rules as proposed.

Brooke Hall
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Division of Financial Regulation

This Summary and Recommendation are reviewed and adopted.

Signed this 20th day of June 2026.



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Insurance Commissioner
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