



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 09 – 11

OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION

I have signed into law House Bill 2009, which was passed by the 2009 Legislative Assembly. This law lays out a compelling policy agenda for short-term reforms and longer-term plans to make high quality health care affordable and accessible to all Oregonians by 2015 and provides a new organizational framework for the state to accomplish this goal. Specifically, House Bill 2009 authorizes the creation of a new health care agency, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), and provides for the transfer to the OHA of the duties, functions and powers with respect to health and health care, now under the Department of Human Services (DHS), the Public Employees' Benefit Board and the Oregon Educators Benefit Board, now under the Department of Administrative Services, the Oregon Medical Insurance Pool and their Board, now under the Department of Consumer and Business Services, and the Family Health Insurance Assistance Program, now under the Office of Private Health Partnerships.

The Directors of the Departments of Human Services, Administrative Services and Consumer and Business Services and the Administrator of the Office of Private Health Partnerships are directed to work together to establish and complete a timeline for the transfer of duties, functions and powers pursuant to House Bill 2009. All of the changes necessary to accomplish the transfers will be reflected in the Governor's Recommended Budget for the 2011-2013 biennium.

I intend to appoint Bruce Goldberg to be the Director of the Oregon Health Authority at the point that the transition is complete. The position of Director of the Oregon Health Authority is not currently funded and will remain vacant until the transition is completed.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

1. The Department of Human Services and its Director shall be the lead agency and director respectively for this planning and transition process.
2. The Director of the Department of Human Services shall work cooperatively with the Directors of the Department of Administrative Services and Consumer and Business Services and the Administrator of the Office of Private Health Partnerships on the planning and transition process in accordance Section 20 of House Bill 2009.
3. I delegate to the Director of the Department of Human Services my executive authority to carry out the statutory duties assigned to the Director of the

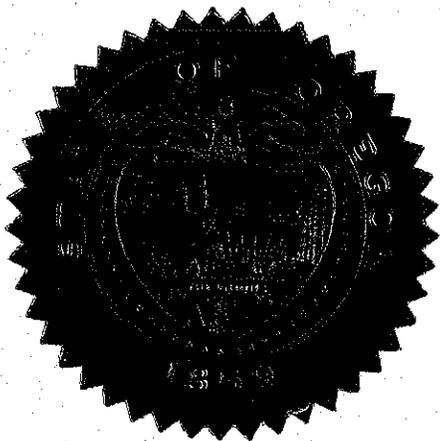


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Oregon Health Authority in House Bill 2009 until such time as I appoint the Director for the Oregon Health Authority.

4. This Executive Order shall remain in effect until July 1, 2011.

Done at Salem, Oregon this 7th day of July, 2009.



Theodore R. Kulongoski
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Kate Brown
SECRETARY OF STATE