SB 846: Improving the Children's Health Report

To support data-informed policy for children's health equity, existing legislatively-required reports should be replaced with a new report that draws from more valuable and timely child-specific data sources.

Current Reports Required by State Law Do Not Include Data to Address Inequities in Children's Health

ORS 414.578 requires Coordinated Care Organization (CCOs) to collaborate with child and adolescent service providers as part of their community health improvement plans (CHIPs), and for this information to be compiled in a biannual report to the legislature. However, the current reporting does not always include data that can inform strategies to address health inequities. Also, the data is not child-specific, which severely reduces the value of the reports to inform policy-making on children's health inequities.

New Data Sources Can Inform Better Reports and Better Policies

Since the current report was put into statute in 2018, more valuable, targeted, and timely data sources have become available that can better inform strategies to address inequities in children's health. These include data from the CCO Performance Metrics Dashboard, the Medicaid Enrollment Dashboard, and the coming Medicaid Demographics Dashboard. In particular, CCO child-related metrics broken down by REALD have recently become available.

By updating the report requirements in ORS 414.578 to incorporate these new data sources, the reports can offer richer and more useful information on to children's health and can inform strategies to address health inequities among children.

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