

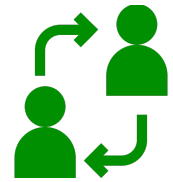
THE OREGON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT ACT OF 2023

SB 432



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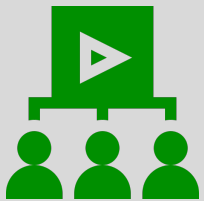
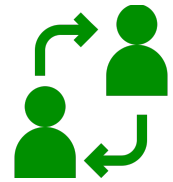
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