

# Rules Revision Fiscal Impact and Equity Statements

## Equity Statement

The mission of OPSC is to improve the safety of Oregon’s healthcare system for every Oregonian, making equity integral to everything we do. Therefore, we are committed to developing rules that foster diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Evaluating who proposed administrative rules will impact, and how the rules may impact some groups of people differently than others, is essential to providing equitable service.

### **What persons and groups are subject to the rules?**

Oregon hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, nursing facilities, pharmacies, outpatient renal dialysis centers, birthing centers, extended stay centers, and independent professional healthcare societies or associations

### **What issues are the rules seeking to address? Which racial groups are likely to be affected by those issues?**

Revisions are needed to keep OPSC’s administrative rules consistent with OPSC’s statute following changes made by SB229 in 2023. The rules pertain to OPSC’s voluntary Patient Safety Reporting Program (PSRP). Participants submit patient safety data to PSRP so that OPSC can broadly share what they’ve learned from patient harm events to make healthcare safer in Oregon. All Oregon hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, nursing facilities, pharmacies, outpatient renal dialysis centers, birthing centers, and extended stay centers are eligible to participate in PSRP. These healthcare facilities treat Oregonians from all racial groups.

### **Ultimately, what impacts do these rules have on racial equity?**

OPSC’s mission, as defined in statute, is “to improve patient safety by reducing the risk of serious adverse events occurring in Oregon’s healthcare system and by encouraging a culture of patient safety in Oregon” (ORS 442.820). When an organization’s culture of safety (an organization's shared perceptions, beliefs, values, and attitudes that combine to create a commitment to safety and an effort to minimize harm) does not address health equity head on, it can deepen the systemic biases and injustices that are already present. The proposed rules direct participants to share their policies and procedures describing patient safety activities with OPSC, including how the participant incorporates health equity into its patient safety activities (proposed OAR 325-011-0045(4)(a)). Therefore, these rules could have a positive impact on health equity in Oregon by codifying it as a critical patient safety component.

## Fiscal Impact Statement

The proposed revisions to OAR 325-001-0000 to 325-030-0060 will have **no fiscal impact** and would maintain the current funding model for the program included in the statutes—the Patient Safety Reporting Program (PSRP).

PSRP is funded through annual fees assessed on eligible licensed Oregon healthcare facilities (ORS 442.850). Annual fees are set in administrative rule (current: OAR 325-010-0001 to 325-030-0060; proposed: 325-011-055) and support operating costs for the program. The OPSC Board of Directors annually adjusts fees at a rate equal to the annual average Consumer Price Index (CPI) for All Urban Consumers.