
Oregon Health Policy Board Oregon's Action Plan for Health

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The logo for the Oregon Health Authority. It features the word "Oregon" in a smaller, orange, serif font positioned above the word "Health". "Health" is written in a large, blue, serif font. Below "Health", the word "Authority" is written in a smaller, orange, serif font. The entire logo is set against a light blue, curved background element.

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An urgent call to action

- In 2009, the Oregon legislature created the Oregon Health Policy Board charged to create a comprehensive plan for health reform for our state.
- This Plan lays out a timeline for actions and strategies that reflect the urgency of the health care crisis and leads Oregon to a more affordable world-class health care system.
- Over the past 12 months the Board has heard from hundreds of Oregonians around the state.
- Everyone is facing the same challenge: costs are too high, outcomes are unsatisfactory, and care is fragmented.
- Oregon is facing a \$3.5 billion shortfall; health care costs are 16% of state general fund and eat up an increasing portion of state spending.

The Triple Aim

- Improve the lifelong health of all Oregonians,
- Increase the quality, reliability and availability of care for all Oregonians, and
- Lower or contain the cost of care so it is affordable for everyone.

The Oregon Way

Action Plan moves us towards a health system in which:

- The health of all Oregonians is improved;
- Consumers can get the care and services they need, coordinated at a regional level from a team of health professionals who understand their culture and speak their language;
- Consumers, providers, community leaders, and policy makers have the quality information they need to make better decisions and keep delivery systems accountable;
- Quality and consistency of care is improved and costs are contained through new payment systems and standards that emphasize outcomes and value rather than volume;

Action Plan moves us towards a health system in Oregon in which:

- Communities and health systems work together to find innovative solutions to reduce overall spending, increase access to patient-centered safe, effective care, and improve health
- Electronic health information is available when and where it is needed to improve health and health care through a secure, private health information exchange
- Providers are paid for keeping people healthy or returning people to health if they get sick.
- Insurance companies, providers and individuals will share responsibility for reducing or controlling costs.

Action plan and federal reform

- Federal reform makes a significant investment in access to health insurance coverage
- Now we need to pair that with changing the way we deliver and pay for health care and shifting our focus to prevention as outlined in the Board's foundational strategies for action.

Foundational Strategies for Action

- #1 Spend health care dollars in a better way to lower costs
- #2 Focus on prevention
- #3 Improve health equity
- #4 Make it easier for Oregonians to get affordable health insurance and quality care
- #5 Reduce barriers to health care
- #6 Set standards for safe and effective care
- #7 Involve everyone in health system improvements
- #8 Measure progress

Action Steps (1)

Action	Who will act?	Date
<i>Purchasing & system incentives</i>		
Establish Oregon Insurance Exchange inside mission-driven public corporation	Legislature, Governor	2011
Set OHA and statewide targets for health care spending	OHPB	2011
Standardize payment methodology to Medicare to create platform for payment reform	Legislature	2011
Introduce innovative payment methods that reward value (P4P, episode payments, etc.)	OHA	2012-13
Establish patient-centered primary care homes starting within OHA and eventually spreading across the state	OHA & partners	2011-15
Introduce value-based benefit designs in OHA program and Exchange	OHA & partners	2012-14

Action Steps (2)

Action	Who will act?	Date
<i>Purchasing & system incentives (continued)</i>		
Focus quality and cost improvement efforts for critical momentum	OHA & partners	2011 - ongoing
Develop consensus around clinical best practices	OHA & partners	2011 - 14
<i>Population health</i>		
Set nutrition standards for food and beverages in public institutions	OHA	2011
Make all state agencies and facilities tobacco-free	OHA	2011
Support other evidence-based initiatives to reduce tobacco use	OHA/OHPB	2011
<i>Regional solutions</i>		
Explore regional frameworks for coordination of health and health care delivery	OHA & partners	2011

Action Steps (3)

Action	Who will act?	Date
<i>Medical liability reform</i>		
Change medical liability laws to remove barriers to disclosure and reporting of errors	Legislature	2011
<i>Health Information Technology (HIT) and Exchange (HIE)</i>		
Consolidate HIE planning and implementation in a single Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT)	OHA	2011
Establish a public-private state-designated entity to connect local, regional, and statewide HIE.	Legislature	2011
<i>Administrative Simplification</i>		
Standardize provider-payer communication to reduce administrative costs	Legislature, DCBS	2011-13

Action Steps (4)

Action	Who will act?	Date
<i>Robust data</i>		
Establish standards for collection of demographic data (race, ethnicity, language, etc.)	OHA	2011-12
Expand Oregon's Healthcare Workforce Database to capture information on additional professions	Legislature	2011
<i>Workforce</i>		
Use loan repayment to attract primary care providers to practice in rural and underserved areas	Legislature, OHA & partners	2011-12
Standardize prerequisites for clinical training via a student "passport"	OHA & partners	2011
Revise policies that limit educational institutions' ability to offer needed healthcare professional training	OHA & partners	2011

Next steps

- Final changes made to the plan based on Board discussion today
- The Board submits the plan to the legislature by December 31, 2010
- OHA and Board begins implementation on key policy initiatives and works with legislature on required statutory changes