



# 2003 Legislative Update

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# Oregon Health Plan Survives!

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Expand children under OHP Plus from 185% to 200% FPL

Expand Family Health Insurance Assistance Program (FHIAP) from 185% to 200% FPL

Maintain coverage for OHP Standard  
(non-categorical adults < 100% FPL)

Add back outpatient Mental Health and  
Chemical Dependency for OHP Standard



# Still, some changes for OHP

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Limited hospital benefit for OHP Standard

Emergency services

Admissions for those conditions for which prompt treatment will prevent life threatening health deterioration

Prioritized List of Health Services reduction

Request to move line by 30 conditions/treatments pairs



# Medically Needy Program

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8,500 low-income seniors and people with disabilities in program originally.

Provided prescription drugs and some mental health care – Cut February 1, 2003

Legislature restored money at approx. 40% and will offer via OHP Waiver amendment

Grandfathering in the 400 + currently still getting help with HIV/Transplant meds.



# Other Health-Related Bills

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**HB 3630:** Reduces cost of medical liability insurance for rural providers

**SB 875:** Establishes a program for making prescription drugs available to govt. employees and low-income seniors at lowest possible costs

**HB 2439:** Creates Patient Safety Corporation- an indept. public body focused on improving patient safety



# Oregon Health Policy Commission

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HB 3653 transitions the Oregon Health Council to a new structure, and includes 4 legislators as members

Will be key advisors to the Governor and the Legislature on health policy issues.

OHPR will staff the Commission, with the Administrator acting as key link.

OHREC research can provide vital to information to the Commission



## For more information:

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Full text of the bills are available at:

[www.leg.state.or.us](http://www.leg.state.or.us)

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# OHREC Research Projects

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## **ED Pilot Study**

Preliminary results released!

ED Survey to be fielded this fall.

## **Medically Needy Survey**

Telephone survey of 429 former Medically Needy clients

Results in October



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## **Safety Net Interviews & Survey**

Preliminary results in October

Full report out in November

## **Cohort Baseline Survey**

Focus on impacts of premiums and co-pays

Survey of 10,000 OHP clients

To be fielded this Fall



# OHREC Research Projects

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## **RWJF/HCFO Proposal**

Large, 3-year study proposal

Invited to write full proposal

If questions, contact

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# OHREC Professional Development Program

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Includes students in the Oregon MPH Program, which includes OHSU, PSU & OSU

Utilizes academic training & provides mentorship

Learn practical skills for linking research to policy makers

Growing future health services researchers for Oregon's future

# Past/Future Student Opportunities



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FHIAP survey

Continued Winter Term

Data Dictionary

Continued Fall Term

Endnotes Database

Continued Fall Term

Will also include creation/dissemination of  
Research Briefs



# Past/Future Student Opportunities cont.

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## Cohort Baseline Survey

Data analysis

## Legislative Survey

Assess information needs of Oregon's decision-makers

## Qualitative Analysis of Medically Needy Survey

If questions or student recommendations, contact

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# Upcoming OHREC Meetings: October 15, 2003

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9:00 – 11:00 AM

Clackamas Community College Wilsonville, Rooms 111 & 112  
29353 Town Center Loop East, Wilsonville, OR 97070

Judy Zerzan MD, MPH will be presenting her findings from the OHREC sponsored "**OHP Medically Needy Survey**"

Dr. Ann Hamer, Judy Robison MA/MSW and Matt Carlson PhD will be presenting their findings from "**Targeted Case Management of CareOregon Members Prescribed Antidepressant and/or Antipsychotic Medications**"