

Enhancing Oregon's Health Care Safety Net Through Data Driven Policy

DEFINITION

Health Care Safety Net

The health care safety net is a community's response to meeting the needs of people who experience barriers that prevent them from having access to appropriate, timely, affordable and continuous health services.

Health Care Safety Net Patients

Health care safety net patients often experience barriers to accessing services from other health care providers due to cultural, linguistic, geographic and financial issues. Safety net patients tend to be uninsured, underserved, Medicaid/Medicare enrollees, and other vulnerable/special populations.

Health Care Safety Net Providers

Health care safety net providers in Oregon deliver services to persons experiencing barriers to accessing the services they need. These providers include a broad range of local non-profit organizations, government agencies, and individual providers.

Core Health Care Safety Net Providers

Core safety net providers are especially adept at serving people regardless of their ability to pay. They have a mission or mandate to deliver services to persons who experience barriers to accessing the services they need. Core health care safety net providers serve a substantial share of Medicaid/Medicare enrollees, people who have no health insurance, as well as other vulnerable/special populations.