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# OHP 1115 Medicaid Waiver 2022-2027

Community Engagement Webinar

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# Welcome!

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# Today's Topics

- Health equity and community engagement
- Overview of terms
- Health-related social needs - Housing
- Feedback and questions

# Health Equity Goal

- Oregon will have established a health system that creates health equity when all people can reach their full health potential and well-being and are not disadvantaged by their race, ethnicity, language, disability, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, social class, intersections among these communities or identities, or other socially determined circumstances.

# Health Equity Goal

Achieving health equity requires the ongoing collaboration of all regions and sectors of the state, including tribal governments to address:

- The equitable distribution or redistribution of resources and power; and
- Recognizing, reconciling and rectifying historical and contemporary injustices.

# OHA's Commitment to Community Engagement

- We acknowledge the State of Oregon (and its systems) has perpetuated institutional, systemic, and structural barriers that have silenced the voices of communities over time.
- We recognize community-engaged health improvement is a long-term and adapting process. OHA is committed to meaningful engagement with communities via traditional and emerging mechanisms for community engagement.

# OHA's Commitment to Community Engagement

- We are committed to transparency. Information will be openly and honestly shared so everyone has the benefit of the same information.
- We welcome feedback about how to make Community Engagement more inclusive and accessible.

# Overview: Oregon Health Plan and the OHP 1115 Medicaid Waiver

Terms and basic information



# What is the Oregon Health Plan?

## Medicaid

Medicaid is the nation's public health insurance program for families. In Oregon we call it the Oregon Health Plan (OHP).

## Oregon Health Plan

The Oregon Health Plan (OHP) is free health coverage available to individuals—children, teens, and adults—who live in Oregon and meet income and other criteria. You can apply for OHP at any time during the year. People are eligible for the OHP based on their income or for other reasons.

# What's a waiver?



Federal rules set minimum standards related to eligibility and required benefits. But **states can ask to WAIVE some federal rules** to have more flexibility and offer the Oregon Health Plan to more people and cover more services than usually allowed.

Every five years, Oregon must renew its agreement with the federal government around the Oregon Health Plan – proposing new changes and continuing existing programs. The federal government can accept or reject these proposals.

# Overarching OHP 1115 Medicaid Waiver goal: *Advance Health Equity*

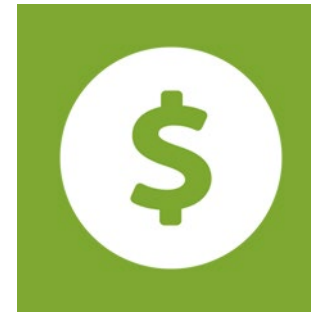
To achieve this, our policy framework breaks down the drivers of health inequities into actionable sub-goals:



Ensuring people can maintain their health coverage



Improving health outcomes by addressing health related social needs



Ensuring smart, flexible spending for health-related social needs and health equity



Creating a more equitable, culturally- and linguistically-responsive health care system

# Healthier Oregon and 1115 Waiver

- As of July 1, 2023, people of any age or immigration status may be eligible for free, full Oregon Health Plan (OHP) benefits!
- Close to 40,000 Citizenship Waived Medical (CWM) members ages 26-54 moved from emergency coverage to full OHP benefits on July 1
- Healthier Oregon members are funded differently but receive same OHP benefits
- Healthier Oregon members will be eligible for new services through 1115 waiver

# Getting and keeping OHP

In order to access waiver-related services, people must be OHP members. Apply for or check your OHP membership:

**Online** using the ONE Applicant Portal ([ONE.oregon.gov](https://one.oregon.gov))

- Often the quickest, easiest way to apply

**Paper or PDF:** OHP 7210 (fill out electronically or by hand)

**Phone:** 1-800-699-9075

**Local ODHS Offices** across Oregon

**Assisters:** Find one at [oregonhealthcare.gov/gethelp](https://oregonhealthcare.gov/gethelp)

# Health-Related Social Needs

What they are and who may be eligible

# Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN)

OHP members who are facing certain life transitions will have social supports available as a covered benefit in OHP. They must also have a medical need for these resources.

- These supports include:
  - Housing
  - Nutrition
  - Climate-related needs

# Transition populations eligible for HRSN services





- Youth with Special Health Care Needs, up to age 26;
- Adults and youth released from custody;
- Adults released from behavioral health residential settings;
- Youth involved in the child welfare system, including youth transitioning out;
- Individuals transitioning from Medicaid-only to dual eligibility status;
- Individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless; and,
- Individuals with a high-risk clinical need who reside in a region that is experiencing extreme weather events.





# What is included in HRSN covered services?

**Important note:** All services must not replace local, state, or federally funded services someone is already receiving.

 Climate Supports	 Housing Supports	 Nutrition Supports	 Case Management
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Medically necessary air conditioners, heaters, humidifiers, air filtration devices, generators and refrigerators</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Rent/temporary housing for up to 6 months</li><li>2. Utility costs limited to households receiving rent assistance/temporary housing</li><li>3. Pre-tenancy, and housing navigation</li><li>4. Tenancy sustaining services</li><li>5. One-time transition and moving costs, including housing deposits to secure housing</li><li>6. Medically necessary home accessibility modifications and remediation services</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Nutrition counseling and education</li><li>2. Medically-tailored meals, up to 3 meals a day for up to 6 months</li><li>3. Meals or pantry stocking for children under 21, youth with special health care needs (YSHCN), and pregnant individuals, up to 3 meals a day for up to 6 months</li><li>4. Fruit and vegetable prescriptions for up to 6 months</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. HRSN case management, outreach, engagement, and other benefit linkages</li></ol>

# Health-Related Social Needs – phase in

Currently required to roll out by 2025, we expect to begin these services in 2024

## Phasing in services

Instead of offering every service to every population at the same time, we will be introducing HRSN services over 2024

- Taking the time to develop programs appropriately to meet needs
- Involving partners outside traditional healthcare system
- Meaningful connections to different services looks different for each population we're hoping to better serve

# Proposed Housing Services and Supports

A deeper dive into what is included in the 1115 waiver

# Rent/temporary housing (up to six months)



## Available to specific transition populations

- Rent payments for apartments, single room occupancy units, single-family homes, multi-family homes, mobile home communities, accessory dwelling units, co-housing communities, middle housing types, and manufactured homes;
- Payments for short-term motel or hotel stays; and
- Payments for transitional and recovery housing including bridge, site-based, population-specific, and community living programs that may or may not offer supportive services and programming.

# Utility costs (up to six months)



Available to members receiving rent/temporary housing assistance

- Recurring payments for utilities, including water, gas, electric, internet and phone.
- Payment for non-refundable, non-recurring utility set-up costs for utilities essential for housing.
- Payment to resolve debts related to unpaid utility bills and cover non-refundable, non-reoccurring utility set-up costs to restart a discontinued service.

# Medically necessary home accessibility modifications and remediation services



To eliminate known home-based health and safety risks and ensure the occupants' health and safety in the living environment.

- Accessibility modifications may include, for example:
  - Ramps, rails, pathways, fencing, grip bars
- Home remediation services may include, for example:
  - pest eradication, carpet or mold removal, installation of washable curtains or synthetic blinds to prevent allergens, lead abatement

# Pre-tenancy and housing navigation services, 1/3



To help individuals achieve their stability goals, as defined by them.

- Help to develop a housing plan that supports the member to achieve their stability goals; reviewing, updating, and modifying the plan to reflect current needs and preferences and address existing or recurring housing retention barriers.
- Help to look for housing and presenting options; assisting in completing housing applications and payment of any housing application or inspection fees.
- As needed, facilitating enrollment in the local Continuum of Care's Coordinated Entry System

## Pre-tenancy and housing navigation services, 2/3



- Help in getting identification and other required documentation.
- Ensuring that the living environment is safe and ready for move-in.
- Assisting in the details of the move and securing transportation (prior to transition and on move-in day).
- Educating, engaging, communicating with, and advocating with landlords; assisting in communicating with the landlord and property manager; providing training and resources to assist in complying with the lease.
- Establishing procedures and contacts to retain housing, including developing a housing support crisis plan.



## Pre-tenancy and housing navigation services, 3/3



- Assisting in the development of independent living skills needed to remain housed; helping to secure and maintain entitlements and benefits that may be needed to find and keep housing; help enrolling in local school and college systems.
- Providing connections to expert community resources to address issues such as: assistance with breaking a lease due to unhealthy living conditions; assisting individuals in accessing other necessary medical, social, educational, legal, and other services.

# Tenancy sustaining services, 1/2



To assist individuals in maintaining housing stability.

- Educating, engaging, communicating with, and advocating on behalf of the individual with landlords; assisting the individual in communicating with the landlord and property manager; providing training and resources to assist the member in complying with the individual's lease.
- Establishing procedures and contacts to retain housing, including developing a housing support crisis plan.

# Tenancy sustaining services, 2/2



- Assisting people to develop independent living skills they need to remain housed; helping to get and keep entitlements and benefits that may be needed to get and keep housing stability; help enrolling in local school and college systems.
- Providing connections to expert community resources to address issues impacting housing such as: assistance with breaking a lease due to unhealthy living conditions; assisting individuals in gaining access to other necessary medical, social, educational, legal, and other services.

# One-time transition, moving costs & housing deposits



- Security deposits
- First month's and last month's rent
- Set-up fees/deposits for utilities or service access and utility debts;
- First month coverage of utilities
- Moving and relocation expenses
- Health and safety services such as pest eradication and one-time cleaning
- Pantry stocking
- Basic household goods and furniture

# Need services and supports now?

Community resources are listed at the following website:

<https://www.oregon.gov/OHA/HSD/OHP/Pages/Community-Resources.aspx>

Includes statewide resources for services such as:

- Food and Nutrition Assistance
- Health
- Housing
- Transportation
- Childcare
- Aging and People with Disabilities

Please share resources you recommend!

# Questions:

- After participating in this Webinar, how would you rate your level of awareness on the topics covered?
- How can we better reach you/engage with communities?
- What topics about the OHP waiver would you like to learn more about in the future?

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# Thank you!

Updates and information:

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