

Oregon's 1115 Medicaid Waiver

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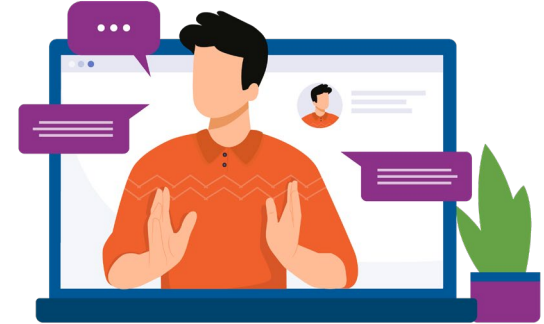


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Today's Agenda

- 1 | Oregon 1115 Waiver Overview and Changes**
Review 1115 Waiver background, history, and goals
- 2 | Community Capacity Building Funds (CCBF)**
Discuss the intention and allowable uses for the grant opportunity
- 3 | Health Related Social Needs (HRSN) Service Provider Qualifications Overview**
Review and share feedback on the HRSN Service Provider qualifications
- 4 | Outstanding Questions**
Discuss remaining outstanding questions regarding the updates and allow time for audience Q&A

Oregon's 1115 Medicaid Waiver



What is a Waiver?

- Each state has their own Medicaid plan that must follow a **standard set of rules determined by the federal government**.
- States can ask the **federal government for permission to change** their Medicaid rules.
- Waivers are an opportunity for states to **test and implement new innovations** using Medicaid funding.
- States **must renew their Medicaid waivers** with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) every five years. CMS can accept or reject proposals.

History of Oregon Waivers

- In **1994 Oregon received approval** to implement Medicaid waivers, to make the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) more flexible, provide additional services, and increase the number of individuals covered.
- Oregon's most recent 1115 Medicaid Waiver was **approved for October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2027.**
- Some waiver updates are still pending negotiation.

Oregon 1115 Waiver Goals



GOALS

- Address and advance health equity
- Create a more equitable, culturally- and linguistically-responsive health care system
- Ensure people can maintain their health coverage
- Improve health outcomes by addressing health-related social needs
- Ensure smart, flexible spending for health-related social needs and health equity



Healthier Oregon OHP members are included in 1115 waiver benefits!

Oregon 1115 Waiver Changes



CHANGES

- Extended Oregon Health Plan (OHP) eligibility for young children, youth, and adults
- Continuous OHP eligibility and enrollment for children up to age six*†
- Two years of continuous enrollment for OHP members ages six and older*†
- Health-related social needs (HRSNs) supports including housing, nutrition and climate supports*
- Coverage for young adults with special health care needs up to age 26*

* Indicates an approved change that is first-in-the-nation

† Note: These benefits are in effect and began in July 2023

Timeline and Key Decisions (1 of 3)

Oct 2023

Nov 2023

Dec 2023

Jan 2024

Feb 2024

Key Milestones


Early October
CMS Monitoring
Guidance
anticipated
CMS Evaluation
Criteria *anticipated*

10/18
Climate RAC

11/1
Complete CCO
Climate
Amendment

11/1 - 12/31
Climate Readiness Review

12/15
Finalize
agreement with
CCOs for Capacity
Building Funds


1/1
Climate Go-
Live

2/15
Housing
OARs Draft
Complete

 Go-Live  Nutrition  Climate  Housing  Capacity Building / Infrastructure

Timeline and Key Decisions (2 of 3)

May 2024

June 2024

July 2024

Key Milestones

5/1

Complete Housing
Amendment Draft

Complete Nutrition
Rules Draft

6/1

Complete Housing
Amendment for CCO
Contracts

7/1

Complete Nutrition
Amendment for CCO
Contracts

Complete Nutrition
Amendment Draft

7/1

Disburse Capacity Building
Funds through CCOs

★ Go-Live

■ Nutrition

■ Climate

■ Housing

■ Capacity Building / Infrastructure

Timeline and Key Decisions (3 of 3)

Sept 2024

Oct 2024

Nov 2024

Dec 2024

Jan 2025

Key Milestones

9/1 - 10/31

Housing Readiness Review

11/1

Housing Phase 1
Go-Live

1/1

Nutrition
Go-Live

11/1 - 12/31 Nutrition
Readiness Review

★ Go-Live

■ Nutrition

■ Climate

■ Housing

■ Capacity Building / Infrastructure

Community Capacity Building Funds (CCBF)



Community Capacity Building Funding Opportunity

What is Community Capacity Building Funding (CCBF)?

- Oregon is allowed to spend up to \$119 million in community capacity building funding to support HRSN providers and partners abilities to deliver HRSN services.
- HRSN providers and other key partners, including Tribal Governments are eligible to receive these funds to develop structures.
- CCO outreach to organizations eligible for CCBF will occur January-February of 2024.
- Eligible organizations will fill out applications and budget requests for CCBF by April 30, 2024.
- CCOs will review the applications and provide funding notification to awardees by July 31, 2024.
- CCOs disburse the funding to awardees beginning August 31, 2024.

Accessing CCBFs

HRSN Providers will play an essential role in the HRSN program.

OHA will:

- Prioritize infrastructure funding available for HRSN providers to the greatest extent possible
- Reserve HRSN infrastructure funding for Tribal Governments
- Engage community partners on key aspects of infrastructure program design
- Promote access to infrastructure funding amongst HRSN providers that do not have historical funding relationships in Medicaid/serve priority populations
- Ensure HRSN infrastructure funding is spread across the state (i.e., not concentrated in one region or county)
- Support program integrity for infrastructure funding used via reporting and oversight
- Design a simple and straightforward application process for HRSN providers to access needed infrastructure funding

Background on CCBFs



Technology	Development of operational practices	Workforce development	Outreach, education, and convening
Examples of allowable uses:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purchase of HRSN referral systems• Changes to data platforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of policies and procedures for HRSN billing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Time-limited funding for staffing• Workforce training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Design and production of materials• Translation of materials

Community Capacity Building Fund Use

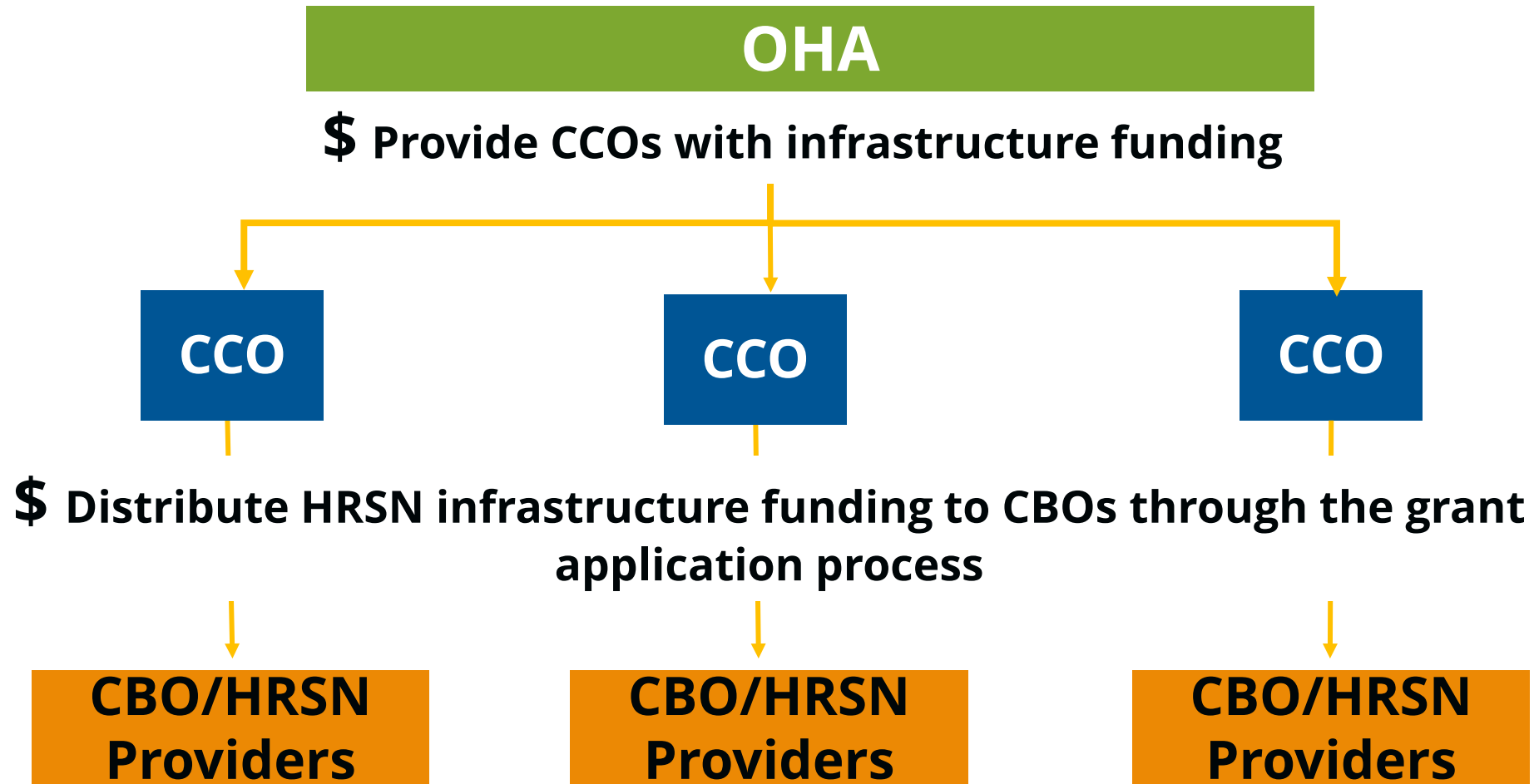
The federal government has guidelines for what types of activities are covered by the capacity building funds. Some examples include:

- Technology costs for new systems and tools
- Development of operational processes and administrative costs
- New staff hiring, training, and onboarding
- Outreach and education to members through events or materials

OHA plans to distribute capacity building funds to HRSN providers, including community-based organizations, social services organizations, and others.

Community Capacity Building Funding

Proposed Process



Funding Application and Disbursement

 **Implementation Timeline: Outreach will begin Winter 2023 & funding will be available beginning Summer 2024**

There will be multiple rounds of Community Capacity Building funding (2-3 rounds) that HRSN Providers can apply for in the first several years of the 1115 Waiver Implementation

OHA intends to work with CCOs to administer HRSN community capacity building funding to implement the following:

- Develop the community HRSN capacity building funding application and budget template
- Conduct outreach and education to eligible groups regarding funding opportunities
- Disburse funding and enter into grant agreements to awarded groups
- Monitor funding uses amongst eligible groups to ensure appropriate use

Who is Eligible for Community Capacity Building Funding?

The following entities may be eligible to apply for and receive community HRSN capacity building funding. Providers of HRSN services, include but are not limited to:

- Tribes and tribal providers
- Community-based organizations (CBOs)
- Social-service agencies
- Housing agencies and providers
- Food and nutrition service providers
- Case management providers
- Traditional health workers
- Child welfare providers
- City, county, and local government agencies
- Others as approved by the state

Health Related Social Needs (HRSN) Service Providers



What are Health-Related Social Needs?



Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN): The **social and economic needs that impact an individual's ability** to maintain their health and well-being. For example, affordable housing and utilities, accessible and reliable transportation, and access to healthy, affordable foods.



Oregon's HRSN services:

- Housing support
- Nutrition support
- Climate-related needs
- Outreach & engagement

HRSN-Specific Funding Components

\$119 million approved for **grants for infrastructure and capacity building** to HRSN providers (e.g., community-based organizations, social service agencies, tribal providers, others).

\$904 million available for **HRSN services** to eligible individuals, including:



**Housing
Supports**



**Nutrition
Supports**



**Climate
Supports**



**Outreach &
Engagement**

HRSN Service Provider Overview



DO

- Need to work with a CCO/FFS to invoice for services and be recognized as a service provider
- The registration process is in development



DO NOT

- Need to be currently enrolled as a Medicaid provider



**In
Development**

- A mechanism for communication to ensure assistance is not being duplicated by other sources that all HRSN providers have access to
- A mechanism that verifies and communicates that a referral has been received and processed by a HRSN provider
- Subcontracting option

DRAFT Provider Minimum Qualifications



All HRSN services providers must:

- Be ready to serve eligible populations
- Have strong community relationships
- Have the ability to provide culturally and linguistically responsive and trauma-informed service delivery
- Have appropriate business licensing or accreditation that meets state and industry standards
- Be able to receive referrals and report on service delivery status
- Be able to invoice for services
- Demonstrate a history of responsible financial practices
- Comply with all reporting, oversight, and business registration requirements

Please Note: CCOs and the FFS program will be required to ensure that HRSN service providers meet and maintain compliance with these minimum qualification requirements.

Climate | Provider & Vendor Requirements



Climate services providers and vendors must have:

- **Experience providing medically necessary climate devices** during a significant weather event
- **The ability to store and distribute climate devices** prior or during a significant weather event
- **The ability to effectively and safely deliver climate devices** to members

Please Note: CCOs and the FFS program will be required to ensure that HRSN service providers meet and maintain compliance with these minimum qualification requirements.

Outreach & Engagement | Provider Requirements



Outreach & Engagement service providers must know:

- **Principles and processes of the services** that are meant to outreach to and engage populations covered by the waiver
- **Information about additional services** available to connect members to benefits and services to meet their needs

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Question & Answer



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