

# 2024 HRSN Guidance Document



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<b>Note:</b> This guidance document is intended to provide Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) with additional programmatic details and expectations for delivering HRSN Services starting 3/1/24. This document will be updated from time to time as needed. Additionally, final content of this document is contingent upon CMS approval of the <a href="#">HRSN Services Protocol</a> .	

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# Background

In September 2022, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved Oregon’s [1115 Medicaid Demonstration Waiver](#) for a five-year timeframe, covering the period of October 2022 – September 2027. The approved waiver includes ground-breaking authority to provide health related social needs (HRSN) services as a covered Oregon Health Plan (OHP) benefit to eligible Fee-For-Service (FFS) and Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) Members, including individuals who are Members through the Healthier Oregon Program.

The approved HRSN Services include housing, nutrition, climate-related supports, and outreach and engagement services, which will be phased in according to the proposed timeline below. Per the 2024 CCO Contract Amendment, CCOs will be required to provide approved HRSN Climate-Related Services and HRSN Outreach and Engagement Services beginning March 2024 to eligible Members enrolled in CCO-A or CCO-B. See [Appendix F](#) for information on CCO Plan Types.

2023	March 2024	November 2024	January 2025
Implementation planning	<b>Climate-Related Supports and Outreach and Engagement Services</b> go live for Members in HRSN Covered Populations.	<b>Housing Services</b> go live for Members who are at-risk of homelessness*	<b>Nutrition Services</b> go live for Members in HRSN Covered Populations.

\*The State is still determining when housing services will go live for other eligible members.

# Purpose

The HRSN Guidance Document provides CCOs additional programmatic details and expectations for delivering HRSN Services. While additional details may be added in the future, at a minimum, this document will provide information on the following:

1. Climate-Related Supports
2. Eligibility for Climate-Related Supports
3. HRSN Outreach and Engagement Services
4. HRSN Service Delivery: Member Identification, Screening, and Authorization
5. Closed Loop Referrals
6. Other Requirements for Climate-Related Supports
7. Provider Qualifications
8. HRSN Non-Risk Settlement Procedure
9. HRSN Data Collection and Reporting

This document will be stored on the [CCO Contracts Form Website](#) and will be updated as needed.

# 2024 HRSN Guidance

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## 1. Climate-Related Supports

Climate-Related Supports are climate-related devices and services provided to HRSN Authorized Members in their own home or non-institutional, non-congregate primary residence, and for whom such equipment and support are Clinically Appropriate as a component of health services treatment or prevention. Subject to Ex. B, Part 2, Sec. 15, Paragraph (1) of the CCO Contract Amendment, HRSN Eligible Members are only eligible for new climate-related devices every thirty-six (36) months.

### **a. Clinically Appropriate Climate-Related Devices**

Clinically Appropriate climate-related devices for Members residing in their home non-institutional, non-congregate primary residence include:

- (i) Air conditioners for individuals at health risk due to significant heat,
- (ii) Heaters for individuals at increased health risk due to significant cold,
- (iii) Air filtration devices and, as needed, replacement air filters for individuals at health risk due to compromised air quality,
- (iv) Mini refrigeration units as needed for individuals for medication storage, and
- (v) Portable power supplies (PPSs) for individuals who need access to electricity-dependent equipment (e.g., ventilators, dialysis machines, intravenous equipment, chair lifts, mobility devices, communication devices, etc.) or are at risk of public safety power shutoffs (PSPS) that may compromise their ability to use medically necessary devices.

A list of diagnoses or other conditions that establish clinical need for each device type listed above is included in *Table 1* in Section 2: Eligibility for Climate-Related Supports. The list is not exhaustive, and other conditions may be approved through an individual review for medical exception aligned with OHA's Medical Management Committee Process and/or existing CCO process for approving covered services through medical exception review.

Additionally, recommended specifications for each climate device are included in *Table 3* in Section 6: Other Requirements for Climate-Related Supports.

### **b. Climate-Related Support Services**

Climate-Related Support services include, as may be needed by the Member, the provision and service delivery of the climate-related devices identified above. For air conditioners, Climate-Related Support services also include installation as needed by the Member. In addition, HRSN climate device maintenance shall be comprised of the following:

- (i) Air Filtration Devices (AFDs) – AFDs require replacement filters for effective air filtration. The rate at which filters need replacing is dependent on variables such as hours of use and the amount of smoke or other harmful particles in the air requiring filtration. The initial device shall be delivered with no less than one additional replacement filter. HRSN Authorized

Member request for additional air filter replacements shall be limited to three filter replacement fulfillments for the twelve (12) months following the delivery of the climate-related device, provided they do not become ineligible for Climate-Related Supports during such period. Subject to an HRSN Authorized Member being reassessed as eligible for Climate-Related Support Services at the end of each twelve (12) month period, CCOs must provide such Members with air filter replacements in accordance with the standard for the initial twelve (12) month period following the delivery of the climate-related device.

- (ii) Device failure – If a covered device is damaged or defective upon arrival or fails to function properly within one year from the date on which the HRSN Authorized Member received their device, the manufacturer warranty shall be the first step towards a resolution. If either (i) the device is no longer within the manufacturer’s warranty period or (ii) the warranty does not cover the necessary repairs, and the HRSN Authorized Member is still eligible for the climate-related device at the time the climate-related device ceased to function properly, CCO’s shall replace or repair the device at least once. CCO’s shall not be required to repair or replace a climate-related device more than once when the climate-related device is outside the warranty period or the reason for failure is not covered by the warranty.
- (iii) Warranty Process – CCOs shall support all HRSN Authorized Members with service call coordination or device replacement coordination for a period of twelve (12) months from the date the on which the applicable Member received their device.
- (iv) Replacement Climate-Related Devices. In the event an HRSN Authorized Member advises the CCO that (i) their climate-related device was stolen, or (ii) they moved to a new residence without taking the climate-related device with them, the climate-related device may be replaced by a CCO subject to its reasonable discretion. However, in no event shall an HRSN Authorized Member be entitled to receive a replacement more than once during any thirty-six (36) month period.

### **c. Requirements for Safe Use of Climate Devices**

To receive a Climate-Related Device, Members must attest to their ability to safely use the devices to reduce the risk of injury or harm. The safe use of devices requires that a member reside in a non-institutional, non-congregate housing or “recreational vehicle”, as defined in ORS 174.101, that has a reliable source of electricity for operating a device, and that the Member or their Representative can safely and legally install the device in their place of residence.

In the event the foregoing conditions cannot be met, the HRSN Eligible Member may not be Authorized for receipt of the Climate-Related device.

**Note:** The HRSN Request Form, located in Appendix B, includes a section for attesting to safe use of climate devices..

## 2. Eligibility for Climate-Related Supports

To be eligible for Climate-Related Supports, a Member must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Be enrolled in the OHP either through a CCO or Fee-for-Service (FFS) Program;
2. Be in at least one HRSN Covered Population;
3. Meet at least one of the HRSN Climate Device Clinical Risk Factors;
4. Meet the criteria for an HRSN Climate Device Social Risk Factor.

Definitions of the HRSN Climate Device Clinical Risk Factors and HRSN Climate Device Social Risk Factors are in [OAR 410-120-0000](#) and more detailed descriptions are included below.

### a. HRSN Covered Populations

Member must be in one of the HRSN Covered Populations, as further specified in [Appendix A](#):

- Young Adults with Special Health Care Needs (YSCHN) (*not eligible for HRSN until 2025*)
- Adults and youth discharged from an IMD<sup>1</sup>
- Adults and youths released from incarceration
- Individuals involved with child welfare
- Individuals transitioning to dual status
- Individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness

### b. HRSN Climate Device Clinical Risk Factors

OHA appreciates that the clinical conditions specified for the age and pregnancy-related HRSN Climate Device Clinical Risk Factors are broad. CMS required the identification of particular conditions that place pregnant people, young children, and elders at higher risk for morbidity and mortality during extreme weather.

When considering how to focus outreach to Members about this benefit, CCOs should consider Priority Populations<sup>2</sup>, and may further consider Members with unstable or severe symptoms, Members with more than one of the following

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<sup>1</sup> The State proposed to also cover non-IMD facilities that provide mental health and SUD treatment (e.g., facilities with fewer than 16 beds). CMS denied this request on the grounds that coverage of individuals discharged from non-IMD facilities would exceed the authority provided in the STCs (which refer to IMD facilities only).

<sup>2</sup> Regional Health Equity Coalition definition of priority populations: ORS 413.042: "Priority populations" means: Communities of color; Oregon's nine federally recognized Indian tribes, including descendants of the members of Oregon's nine federally recognized Indian tribes; Immigrants and refugees; Migrant and seasonal farmworkers; Low-income individuals and families; Persons with disabilities; and Individuals who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer or who question their sexual or gender identity. For the purposes of HRSN Services, priority populations are those with the intersectional impact of being low income and a member of at least one other of the priority populations.

conditions, and individuals at the extremes of age. CCOs should also consider other medical conditions for review by exception including hyperthyroidism, autoimmune conditions, immunosuppression, fluid/electrolyte/acid-based conditions, and use of medication that impacts thermoregulation.

In addition, CCOs will utilize different outreach methods depending on the population they are contacting, ranging from low intensity outreach (e.g., general information across MyChart) to high intensity outreach (e.g., text messages, phone calls, etc.)

*Table 1: Climate Device Clinical Risk Factors*

Climate Device Clinical Risk Factors (Condition must have been active in the past 12 months. Members must meet age or pregnancy criteria at the time of eligibility determination, as relevant.)	Eligible Climate Device
Schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders	<b>Air Conditioner, Air Filtration Device, Heater</b>
Bipolar and related disorders	
Major depressive disorder with an acute care need in the past 12 months including a suicide attempt, crisis services utilization (emergency department, mobile crisis team, etc.), acute psychiatric hospitalization, or residential treatment	
One or more of the following substance use disorders: alcohol use disorder, hallucinogen use disorders, inhalant use disorder, opioid use disorder, stimulant use disorder	
Major neurocognitive disorders	
Chronic lower respiratory condition including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma requiring regular use of asthma controlling medications, restrictive lung disease, fibrosis, chronic bronchitis, bronchiectasis	
Chronic cardiovascular disease, including cerebrovascular disease and heart disease	
Spinal cord injury	
In-home hospice	
Any sensory, physical, intellectual, or developmental disability that increases health risks during extreme climate events	
Child less than 6 years of age and currently has, has a history of, or is at risk for at least one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Heat stroke or heat exhaustion</b></li> <li>• <b>Hypothermia, frostbite, or chilblains</b></li> <li>• <b>Malnutrition</b></li> <li>• <b>Dehydration or is currently breastfeeding</b></li> <li>• <b>Child maltreatment as defined by the CDC (<a href="https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/CM_Surveillance-a.pdf">https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/CM_Surveillance-a.pdf</a>)</b></li> </ul>	



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is a child with a special healthcare need (CYSHCN) as defined by HRSA (<a href="https://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs-impact/focus-areas/children-youth-special-health-care-needs-cyshcn#i">https://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs-impact/focus-areas/children-youth-special-health-care-needs-cyshcn#i</a>)</li> <li>• An acute or chronic respiratory condition</li> <li>• A respiratory or gastrointestinal infectious disease, or becoming febrile with an infectious illness</li> <li>• Low birth weight of &lt;2500 grams</li> </ul>	
<p>Pregnant and currently has, has a history of, or is at risk for at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heat stroke or heat exhaustion</li> <li>• Hypothermia, frostbite, or chilblains</li> <li>• An acute or chronic respiratory condition</li> <li>• Infection</li> <li>• High-risk pregnancy as defined by the NIH (<a href="https://www.nichd.nih.gov/health/topics/high-risk/conditioninfo">https://www.nichd.nih.gov/health/topics/high-risk/conditioninfo</a>)</li> <li>• History of previous pregnancy, delivery, or birth complication including gestational diabetes, preeclampsia, preterm labor, preterm birth, placental abruption, newborn low birth weight, stillbirth</li> <li>• Abuse or interpersonal violence</li> <li>• Malnutrition</li> <li>• Hyperemesis gravidarum and other causes of dehydration</li> <li>• Maternal low birth weight of &lt;2500 grams</li> <li>• Multiple pregnancy</li> <li>• Mental health condition</li> </ul>	
<p>Adult 65 years and older and currently has, has a history of, or is at risk for at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heat stroke or heat exhaustion</li> <li>• Hypothermia, frostbite, or chilblains</li> <li>• Malnutrition</li> <li>• Dehydration</li> <li>• Currently taking medications that impact heat tolerance, including for upper respiratory infections, allergies, COPD, muscle spasms, blood pressure, diuresis, diarrhea, constipation, anti-inflammation, mental health conditions, and sleep</li> <li>• Abuse or neglect</li> <li>• A respiratory or gastrointestinal infectious disease, or becoming febrile with an infectious illness</li> <li>• Mental health condition</li> <li>• Two or more chronic health conditions</li> </ul>	
Chronic kidney disease	<b>Air Conditioner, Heater</b>
Diabetes mellitus, requiring any medication, oral or insulin	
Multiple sclerosis	
Parkinson's disease	

Previous heat-related or cold-related illness requiring urgent or acute care, e.g., emergency room and urgent care visits	
Individual requires home oxygen use: home oxygen, oxygen concentrators, home ventilator	<b>Air Filtration Device</b>
Individual uses medications requiring refrigeration. Examples include but are not limited to medications for diabetes mellitus, glaucoma, and asthma; TNF inhibitors	<b>Mini refrigerator</b>
Enteral and parenteral nutrition	
Individual needs durable medical equipment (DME) requiring electricity for use. Examples include but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Oxygen delivery systems, including concentrators, humidifiers, nebulizers, and ventilators</b></li> <li>• <b>Intermittent positive pressure breathing machines</b></li> <li>• <b>Cardiac devices</b></li> <li>• <b>In home dialysis and automated peritoneal dialysis</b></li> <li>• <b>Feeding Pumps</b></li> <li>• <b>IV infusions</b></li> <li>• <b>Suction pumps</b></li> <li>• <b>Power wheelchair and scooter</b></li> <li>• <b>Lift systems and electric beds</b></li> <li>• <b>Breast pumps for first 6mo post-partum</b></li> <li>• <b>Other DME medically required for sustaining life</b></li> </ul>	<b>Portable Power Supply</b>
Individual requires assistive technologies requiring electricity necessary for communication or ADLs.	
Other conditions approved through an individual review for medical exception aligned with OHA's Medical Management Committee Process and/or CCO exception review process.	<b>Any device</b>

**c. HRSN Climate Device Social Risk Factors**

A Member meets the HRSN Climate Device Social Risk Factor requirement if they reside in their own home or a non-institutional, non-congregate primary residence and has a need that will be aided by one of the following devices: air conditioner, heater, air filtration device, portable power supply (PPSs), and/or mini refrigeration units.

**3. HRSN Outreach and Engagement Services**

HRSN Service Providers may provide HRSN Outreach and Engagement Services for OHP enrolled individuals presumed eligible for HRSN Climate-Related Services and receive compensation. HRSN Outreach and Engagement Services must include, at a minimum, the HRSN Service Provider performing activities described in a and b below, and may include the provision of activities described in c and d:

- a. Contacting and engaging Members who belong to one or more HRSN Covered Populations and who are presumed eligible for HRSN Climate-Related Supports;

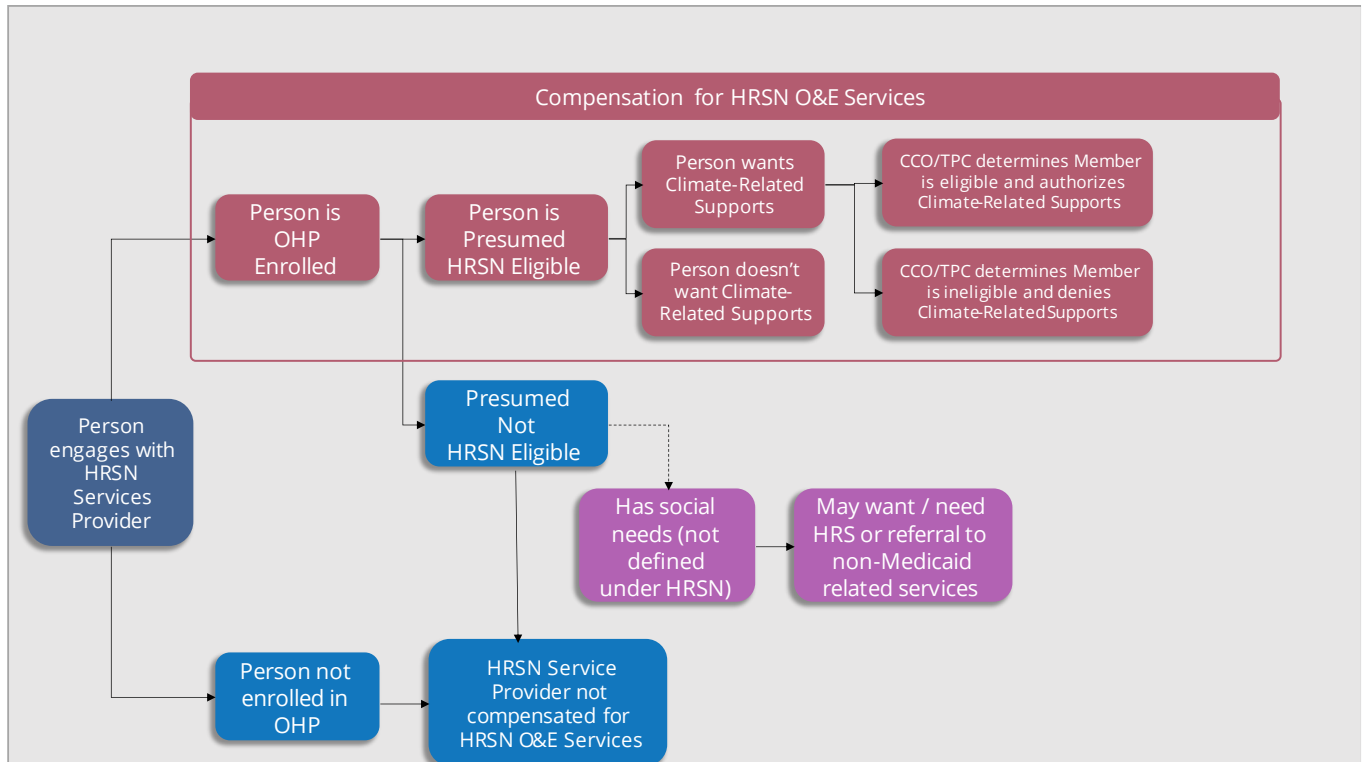
- b. Determining whether the Member is enrolled in the FFS Program or a CCO and, if a CCO, which one;
- c. Transmitting to the Member's CCO or to OHA's FFS Program (or its designated third-party contractor) the partial or complete HRSN Request Form, or information contained within, for HRSN eligibility determination and HRSN Service authorization;
- d. Providing HRSN Eligible Members who may have a need for medical, peer, social, educational, legal, or other related services with information and logistical support necessary to connect them with the needed resource and services.

**Note:** Payment for Outreach and Engagement activities performed by the CCO or subcontractor are included in CCO Administrative Payments.

**Fees Payable for HRSN Outreach and Engagement Services:** CCOs may compensate HRSN Service Providers for conducting HRSN Outreach and Engagement Services to Members presumed eligible for HRSN Climate-Related Supports up to a maximum of five-hours per Member over a 36-month period, in accordance with the HRSN Fee Schedule. After the 36-month period has expired, a Member may be rescreened for HRSN Climate-Related Supports Eligibility.

This means the HRSN Service Provider must have confirmation the individual is enrolled in the OHP, and has reason to believe the individual is eligible for HRSN Climate-Related Supports from known information, or the result of a Member's attestation that they are in an HRSN Covered Population, have an HRSN Climate Device Clinical Risk Factor, and have an HRSN Climate Device Social Risk Factor. The diagram below provides additional details on compensation for HRSN Outreach and Engagement Services.

**Documentation Requirement:** CCOs must require all HRSN Service Providers to document the date, time, duration, and description of the Outreach and Engagement Services.



## 4. HRSN Service Delivery: Member Identification, Screening, and Authorization

### a. Member Identification

To promote health equity, it is critical to have many paths that lead to a referral for HRSN Services. Each path will be able to collect different amounts of information. CCO proactive identification of potentially HRSN eligible Members may not be appropriate for all HRSN Services, nor will all HRSN Services require that contracted HRSN Service Providers conduct outreach. However, CCOs must accept HRSN Requests from both HRSN Connectors and HRSN Service Providers regardless of whether CCOs requested the Outreach and Engagement. It is the CCO's responsibility to ensure all information necessary for an authorization decision is compiled, while making an effort to avoid duplicative screening. CCOs shall ensure multiple pathways for individuals to be identified as being enrolled in Medicaid, belonging to an HRSN Covered Population, and potentially having one or more HRSN Service needs. Pathways for CCOs to identify HRSN eligible Members must include:

- (i) CCO proactively identifying Members through a review of the CCO's encounter and claims data;
- (ii) Contracting with HRSN Service Providers to conduct HRSN Outreach and Engagement to identify Members and make HRSN Requests;
- (iii) Engaging with and receiving HRSN Requests from HRSN Connectors other than HRSN Service Providers; and
- (iv) Accepting Members' self-referral.

## **b. HRSN Requests**

- (i) CCOs must accept HRSN Requests by any delivery method used by HRSN Connectors, including, but not limited to email, fax, mail, personal delivery, community information exchange, or any other reliable delivery method.
- (i) HRSN Connectors may, but are not required to, use the HRSN Request Form, which will be provided on the CCO Forms website and is also included in the [Appendix B](#).
- (ii) An HRSN Connector may use a tool or template other than the HRSN Request Form if it allows the HRSN Connector to obtain the following information and transmit it to the CCO: (i) the name and contact information for the Member requesting the HRSN Service; and (ii) identification of one or more HRSN Service needs the individual has.
- (ii) CCOs must make a good-faith effort to conduct eligibility screenings of all individuals for whom they receive HRSN Requests that include the individual's name and contact information and identification of one or more HRSN Service needs.

## **c. Completing the HRSN Eligibility Screening**

- (i) The CCO shall first confirm OHP Medicaid enrollment and, if confirmed, ensure such Member is enrolled with their CCO prior to proceeding with a full HRSN Eligibility Screening. If the Member is an OHP Member, but not enrolled with their CCO, the CCO shall then ensure the Member is connected with their health plan, for the purpose of participating in HRSN Eligibility Screening.
- (ii) Once the CCO confirms the individual that is the subject of the HRSN Request is enrolled in the CCO, it shall use reasonable efforts to obtain all other information necessary to complete the HRSN Eligibility Screening. The CCO's reasonable efforts shall include, without limitation, using the information included in the CCO's own records, obtaining only the relevant information from the Member, and when permitted by the Member, obtaining the relevant and appropriate information from the HRSN Connector.
- (iii) With respect to the following elements of eligibility, reasonable efforts require only a determination as to whether on its face, the information provided is plausible. In other words, in absence of information that suggests otherwise, CCO should determine eligibility plausible: IMD discharge, carceral release, a current or former child welfare involvement, transition to dual status, and HRSN social need.

## **d. Documenting the HRSN Eligibility Screening**

- (i) The CCO shall document the results of the HRSN Eligibility Screening, including at minimum, the information listed below:
  - a. The Member's OHP Medicaid Number,
  - b. The HRSN Covered Population to which they belong,
  - c. The Member's HRSN Climate Device Clinical Risk Factor(s),

- d. The Member's HRSN Service(s) authorized,
  - e. Whether the Member is receiving the same or substantially similar service as the identified HRSN Services need from a state or federally funded program.
- (i) With respect to (e) above, CCOs must make reasonable efforts to determine whether the Member is receiving the same or substantially similar service as the identified HRSN Services need from a local, state or federally funded program. This requires reviewing the CCO's internal records, but does not require seeking to obtain information or documentation from third parties, including the Member themselves.

When determining whether the Member is receiving the same or substantially similar service as the identified HRSN Services need from a local, state, or federally funded program, CCOs should use a look-back period of 36 months, in alignment with the Climate Device replacement policy detailed in Section 1: Climate-Related Supports, Para. B, Sub.Para iv.

- (ii) If, after completing the HRSN Eligibility Screening and documenting all the required information, the Member meets all of the criteria for being HRSN Eligible, the CCO shall authorize the identified HRSN Services need as expeditiously as possible.
- (iii) After completion of the HRSN eligibility determination, CCOs should make an authorization determination as expeditiously as the circumstances require, and shall notify members within fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of, as applicable, authorization or denial.

**e. Completing the HRSN Eligibility Screening Template Based on Self-Attestation**

If a Member submits a Self-Attestation, the CCO shall use good faith efforts to verify a Member's Self-Attestation within a reasonable period of time. If the CCO cannot, using good faith efforts, verify the Member's Self-Attestation, within a reasonable period of time, the CCO shall, if it determines in its reasonable discretion, the Self-Attestation is truthful, authorize the identified HRSN Services need. The CCO shall document its good faith efforts to verify the Member's Self-Attestation and the reasonable basis for authorizing the HRSN Services in the HRSN Eligibility Screening Template or tool of their choosing, provided it captures data elements described in Section 4: HRSN Service Delivery: Member Identification, Screening, and Authorization, Para. d, Sub.Para (i).

**f. CCO Protection from Liability**

In no event will a CCO be held liable to OHA or the State for authorizing HRSN Services nor will OHA or the State take any adverse action against a CCO based on the CCO's acceptance of a Self-Attestation, provided the authorization was made in accordance with the CCO Contract. However, failure to document the information as required under Para. d, Sub.Para (i) of this section may result in liability to OHA.

#### **g. Authorization for Disclosure of Protected Health Information (PHI)**

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) makes a distinction between *consent* and *authorization* to share Protected Health Information (PHI) ([45 CFR 164.506](#) and [45 CFR 164.508](#)). Authorization that meets the requirements of [45 CFR 164.508](#) permits a covered entity to disclose PHI for purposes of HRSN Services.

OHA is committed to protecting the PHI of individuals who are being screened for or are currently receiving HRSN Services. All OHP Open Card (Fee-for-Service) Members who are authorized to receive HRSN Services will be offered a “Data Sharing Authorization” form that, when signed by the HRSN Authorized Member, permits the sharing of their PHI between the FFS Third Party Contractor (TPC) and HRSN Service Providers for the HRSN-related purposes specified on the form. This form is included in [Appendix D](#).

OHA will not mandate how CCOs share the PHI of their HRSN Authorized Members with HRSN Service Providers. However, OHA aims to maintain consistent processes for all OHP Members and HRSN Service Providers to the extent possible.

Prior to the launch of Climate-Related Supports, OHA will provide a template “Data Sharing Authorization” form on which, when executed by an HRSN Authorized Member, the FFS TPC may rely to enable the sharing of such HRSN Authorized Member’s PHI, as necessary, by and between the FFS TPC and applicable HRSN Service Providers.

The “Data Sharing Authorization” form also enables the sharing of substance use disorder information that is subject to federal privacy protections at 42 CFR Part 2 by and between the FFS TPC and HRSN Service Providers, but only when an HRSN Authorized Member specifically authorizes the sharing (i.e., “opts-in” by checking a box) as necessary for the provision of HRSN Services.

The provision of HRSN Services cannot be conditioned upon the HRSN Authorized Member signing the Data Sharing Authorization form. If a Member who is determined eligible for HRSN Services declines to sign the Data Sharing Authorization form, the FFS TPC will notify the Member of their HRSN Service authorization and will send the Member the referral and contact information for the HRSN Service Provider. That Member will be responsible for connecting with the HRSN Service Provider to receive their HRSN Service. The FFS TPC will be responsible for ensuring their HRSN Service Providers accept referrals from the TPC and from HRSN Authorized Members. HRSN Service Providers are permitted to share information with the FFS TPC without the Member authorizing the data sharing, but the FFS TPC is not permitted to share any PHI with HRSN Service Providers absent a valid and signed Data Sharing Authorization. This restriction impacts the maintenance of the individual’s Person-Centered Service Plan (PCSP).

## 5. Closed Loop Referrals

### a. Definitions

- (i) **“Closed Loop Referral”** means the process of exchanging information between and among CCO, FFS Program, OHA, a Member, HRSN Service Providers, and other similar organizations, to make referrals and communicate about the status of referrals for a Member.
  - This definition is scoped to be about the communication of information and not about specific methods like technology. Various methods could be used to meet this requirement such as, but not exclusively, community information exchange (CIE).
  - For purposes of HRSN, a referral loop is considered closed once the referring organization is notified of the referral status. This is to provide enough clarity around the point at which the loop needs to be closed so CCOs can operationalize the requirement without being too prescriptive.
- (ii) **“Community Information Exchange” and “CIE”** each means a software application that is utilized by a network of collaborative partners using technology systems to exchange information for the purpose of connecting individuals to the services and supports they need. CIE functionality must include Closed Loop Referrals, a shared resource directory, and documentation of consent to the use of technology by the Member or other individual being connected to services.
  - OHA is proposing a phased in approach to technology for Closed Loop Referral requirements. There will always be exceptions for Members and HRSN Service Providers who cannot or do not want to participate in technology to meet Closed Loop Referral requirements like CIE.

### b. Requirement of Closed Loop Referrals

- (i) OHA expects CCOs to develop a plan of how they will conduct Closed Loop Referral processes. This means CCOs have a plan of how they will conduct referrals through various methods like email, fax, mail, and/or CIE. OHA does not expect CCOs to report to OHA on these methods. However, these methods must be clearly outlined on the public facing webpage for current and prospective HRSN Service Providers.
- (ii) HRSN Service Providers must have the ability to fulfill all obligations related to participating in the Closed Loop Referrals process (acceptance and confirmation).
- (iii) Upon authorization of HRSN Services, CCOs shall refer the HRSN Authorized Member to the HRSN Service Provider for the approved HRSN Service through a Closed Loop Referral.
- (iv) CCO must expressly require all HRSN Service Providers to provide notice to Contractor of their acceptance or denial of each HRSN Authorized Member referred to the HRSN Service (i.e., Closed Loop Referrals). HRSN Service Providers must provide CCO with the required notice within a reasonable period of time in light of the circumstances giving rise to the HRSN Services need. This notification completes the Closed Loop Referral process.



- (v) Contractor must expressly require all HRSN Service Providers to provide Contractor with confirmation that the HRSN Services have been delivered to the referred HRSN Authorized Member. In the future, this may be required through a Closed Loop Referral.

**c. Technology for Closed Loop Referrals**

- (i) There are no requirements of CCOs and HRSN Service Providers to use technology for Closed Loop Referrals, like CIE, in 2024. CCOs and HRSN Service Providers may elect to use technology for Closed Loop Referrals like CIE.
- (ii) HRSN Service Providers should be incentivized rather than required to participate in technology, like CIE, in 2024 which is why CCOs cannot require that technology, like CIE, be the sole referral method in 2024 Subcontracts for HRSN Service Providers.
- (iii) OHA expects CCOs to develop a plan for 2024-2026 to support and incentivize HRSN Service Providers to adopt and use technology for Closed Loop Referrals, like CIE, during Contract Years 2024-2026. Support would include things like promoting community capacity building funds to support adoption, providing technical assistance, conducting outreach and education, and engaging HRSN Service Providers in forums for feedback (e.g., governance). This plan and progress made would be reported in the CCO's annual HIT Roadmaps as required.
- (iv) Technology for Closed Loop Referrals, like CIE, may be used for processes such as identifying potentially eligible Members for HRSN Services, receiving HRSN Requests, social needs screening, sharing HRSN Eligibility Screening, service authorization, and referring Members to services.

**d. Member Right to Opt Out of Technology for Closed Loop Referrals**

OHA wants to support privacy and security and individuals' rights to make decisions about their data. Not all Members may want their data shared through technology.

- (i) The Member handbooks must include language that referrals for HRSN Services will be sent using Closed Loop Referrals. Member handbooks must include language that HRSN Authorized Members have the option to opt out of their data being included in technology, like CIE, and use other Closed Loop Referral processes and still receive HRSN Services.
- (ii) In the event a CCO or HRSN Service Provider uses technology (e.g., CIE) for Closed Loop Referrals (i.e., refer an HRSN Authorized Member to an HRSN Service Provider), the CCO and HRSN Service Provider must notify Members during the consent process that they have the right to opt out of their data being included in technology for Closed Loop Referrals, like CIE, and still receive HRSN Services. OHA does not need documentation that the Member was told they have the option to opt out of technology, like CIE.

- (iii) A Member must consent to participate in their data being included in technology, like CIE, and the consent is documented. This information does not need to be reported to OHA.
- (iv) If a Member opts out of their data being included in technology, like CIE, the HRSN Authorized Member's election to opt out must be documented and the CCO must also notify the applicable HRSN Service Providers of such Member's election to opt out of technology. This information does not need to be reported to OHA.

**e. Proposed Approach to Technology for Closed Loop Referrals**

OHA understands that increase in use of technology like CIE for Closed Loop Referrals should happen over the five-year waiver demonstration period, and we need to allow time and provide support for HRSN Service Providers to participate.

OHA wants to support HRSN Service Providers that play a critical role in their communities including those serving Priority Populations. Regardless of supports that may be provided, some may require or desire exceptions to participating in technology like CIE. Members will always have the right to not have their data be included in technology like CIE. See *Table 2* below for details on the proposed phased approach.

The following requirements have yet to be determined and OHA welcomes CCO, community-based organization, community, and Member input, especially for:

\*OHA's measurement of technology for Closed Loop Referral use will focus on incentivizing equity and meeting Members' needs. OHA will align with other CCO metrics reporting where appropriate.

\*\*Exceptions for HRSN Service Providers that play a critical role in their communities including those serving Priority Populations.

*Table 2: Proposed Phased Approach to Technology for Closed Loop Referrals*

CCO Contract Year	Closed Loop Referral Requirements	CCO Support & Incentives
<b>2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define Closed Loop Referrals and CIE</li> <li>• CCOs and HRSN Service Providers are not required to use technology like CIE</li> <li>• CCOs cannot require technology for Closed Loop Referrals, like CIE, to be used as the sole referral method in HRSN Service Provider subcontracts but can elect to use technology like CIE.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCOs to develop a plan for years 2024-2026 in how they will support and incentivize technology for Closed Loop Referrals, like CIE, adoption and use by HRSN Service Providers, including grants, technical assistance, outreach, and forums for feedback. This will be reported in the HIT Roadmaps.</li> </ul>
<b>2025</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HRSN Service Providers are not required to use technology like CIE</li> <li>• CCOs cannot require technology for Closed Loop Referrals, like CIE, to be used as the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCOs report on progress of 2024 and any adjustments to their plan for 2025-2026 in how they will support and incentivize</li> </ul>

	<p>sole referral method in HRSN Service Provider subcontracts but can elect to use technology like CIE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial measure* TBD with exceptions for Members who opt out of technology like CIE.</li> </ul>	<p>technology for Closed Loop Referrals, like CIE, adoption and use by HRSN Service Providers as well as any challenges or lessons learned.</p>
<b>2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measure* performance increases with exceptions for Members who opt out of technology like CIE</li> <li>While CCOs may require technology for Closed Loop Referrals, like CIE, in subcontracts with HRSN Service Providers, they must allow for exceptions**.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCOs report on progress of 2025, their plans for 2026, and any challenges or lessons learned.</li> </ul>
<b>2027</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measure* performance increases over 2026 requirements with exceptions for Members who opt out of technology like CIE</li> <li>While CCOs may require technology for Closed Loop Referrals, like CIE, in subcontracts with HRSN Service Providers, they must allow for exceptions**.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCOs report on progress of 2026 and any challenges or lessons learned.</li> </ul>

## 6. Other Requirements for Climate-Related Supports

### a. Timeframe for Delivery of Devices

For transition populations, CCOs will be expected to deliver a device to an HRSN Authorized Member within a reasonable period of time, such as 2 to 3 weeks.

Should a device be delayed due to extraordinary circumstances that result in delivery times that exceed more than 30 days, the CCO will be expected to notify the State of the delay and inciting reason to participate in problem solving. The expectation that CCOs notify the State of delayed deliveries to Members is not to penalize CCOs but to allow the State and CCOs to partner to meet Members' needs.

Upon obtaining information that device delivery will exceed 30 days, CCOs should send notifications of delay to the 1115 Waiver Climate Services Team:

Amelia Reynolds: [amelia.reynolds@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:amelia.reynolds@oha.oregon.gov)

Josh Thompson: [joshua.r.thompson@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:joshua.r.thompson@oha.oregon.gov)

### b. Climate Device Restrictions

The following restrictions should be followed when determining an individual member's device needs:

- (i) There is a standard limit of one device type per household among HRSN Authorized Members as the goal of the climate device is to be able to create a zone of respite in the home. However, exceptions can be made based on consideration of individual need. CCOs should use the same process employed for review for medical exception. OHA's

goal is that individuals who meet the eligibility criteria and have an exceptional need receive a device.

- (ii) For devices such as heaters, AC units, and air filtration devices, devices can be used to create a clean air or warm/cool space in the home as a place of respite.
- (iii) Reviews for approval by medical exception to climate device clinical guidance must be allowed to ensure considerations of an individual's or family's specific needs. Examples of exceptions to review include requests for more than two replacement air filters during a calendar year due to residing in a region that experiences more periods of prolonged air quality issues due to wildfire smoke. Another example is a request for two air conditioners within a household to accommodate sleeping quarters for multiple recipients who have a medical need.
- (iv) Air Conditioners – portable, standalone units are recommended for purchase. Window units are permitted but not recommended.
- (v) Space Heaters – space heaters should be rated for indoor use only and have appropriate safety features such as tip over and overheating auto shutoffs.
- (vi) Utility costs – these devices may cause an increase in utility charges; energy efficiency models should be made a priority. The Person-Centered Service Plan (PCSP) should address whether assistance may be needed to pay for utilities and the CCO care coordinators should connect individuals to resources for utility costs as needed.

CCOs should use discretion to determine when device limitations should not apply, such as in the case of moving, damage not covered by warranty, or other exceptional cases.

**c. Climate Device Recommended Specifications**

The following devices are recommended minimum specifications for climate devices covered by HRSN Services. These specifications are intended to create consistency in service delivery across the state. Other models, brands, and suppliers may be available with similar specifications. A device should be selected that is reflective of the individual member's need. The safe use of the device is of the highest priority.

*Table 3: Climate Device Recommended Specifications*

Device	Specifications	Example
<b>Air Conditioner (ACs)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommend a standalone, portable unit (window units are not recommended)</li> <li>• Minimum 8,000 BTUs (~400 sq/ft)</li> <li>• EnergyStar rated - high efficiency rating</li> <li>• Minimum 1 year warranty, 3-year warranty preferred</li> </ul>	<a href="#">FRIEDRICH Portable Air Conditioner: 8,000 BtuH, 450 to 550 sq ft, 115V AC, 5-15P</a>

<b>Air Filtration Devices (AFDs)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must not create ozone</li> <li>• Rated for PM2.5</li> <li>• AHAM certified, tested by <a href="#">US standards for CADR ratings</a></li> <li>• HEPA filter</li> <li>• EnergyStar rated - high efficiency rating</li> <li>• &lt;20lbs</li> <li>• &gt;300cfm</li> <li>• CADR &gt;200 for smoke</li> </ul>	<a href="#">GroPure Aspen HEPA Air Cleaner for Large Rooms</a>
<b>Mini refrigeration units</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum .5 Cu Ft capacity</li> <li>• Cools down to 36F</li> <li>• EnergyStar rated - high efficiency rating</li> <li>• No freezer compartment</li> <li>• Minimum 1 year warranty</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Danby Mini Fridge - 1.6 cu ft</a>
<b>Portable Power Supply (PPS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emission free</li> <li>• Minimum 1500W, 12amp</li> <li>• &lt; 50lbs</li> <li>• 3+ month shelf life (battery)</li> <li>• Note: gas generators are permitted but are not recommended.</li> <li>• CCOs have discretion as to determining whether a particular type of electricity-dependent device establishes a need for a PPS, however the intention is to reserve PPS devices for life-sustaining medical equipment such as a ventilator or oxygen concentrator</li> </ul>	<a href="#">GENERAC Powerstation</a>
<b>Space Heater</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Automatic Safety Shut-off System</li> <li>• Tip Over Protection</li> <li>• Low/High settings</li> <li>• Max surface temp &lt;130F</li> <li>• Heats ~200sq/ft</li> <li>• Portable</li> </ul>	<a href="#">VH2 Whole Room Heater</a>

## 7. Provider Qualifications

### a. Provider Qualifications Applicable to All HRSN Service Providers.

The CCO must ensure that all contracted HRSN Service Providers meet the provider qualifications to provide HRSN Services to qualifying members, as listed below. However, CCOs are not required to ensure Vendors supporting the provision of HRSN Services (e.g., for climate devices) meet provider qualifications so long as the Vendors can support service delivery in accordance with service definitions as defined in this HRSN Guidance document, and related service delivery requirements in the CCO contract.

(i) HRSN Service Provider Experience and Expertise: The HRSN Service Provider must:

1. Be accessible to HRSN participants, including having the operating hours and the staff necessary to meet participant need.
2. Demonstrate their ability and/or experience with effectively serving at least one of OHA's Priority Populations.<sup>3</sup> If needed to ensure sufficient networks of HRSN Service Providers in certain areas of the state, CCOs may deem Service Providers as having adequate ability and experience based on effectively serving the diversity of the local community. HRSN Service Providers may demonstrate these abilities and/or experience through a one-time submission of, for example:

1. Providing letter(s) of support from community members being served or other entities in the community, describing the HRSN Service Provider's presence in the community and impact on individual community members and/or the community as a whole (e.g., success stories from members or other partner entities).
2. Submitting an annual report or similar document that describes the HRSN Service Provider's relevant capabilities and activities.
3. Other methods identified by the CCO (e.g., a statement of which communities the provider has served in the recent past).

(ii) Demonstrate that it has qualified service delivery and administrative staff, as determined at CCO discretion.

(iii) Provide culturally and linguistically appropriate, responsive and trauma-informed<sup>4</sup> service delivery, including by ensuring their ability to:

1. Comply with all laws applicable to their business operations as set forth in Section 16, Paragraph e of the Contract Amendment. This obligation requires the CCOs to provide, and to ensure the HRSN Service Providers provide: (i)

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<sup>3</sup> Regional Health Equity Coalition definition of priority populations: ORS 413.042: "Priority populations" means: Communities of color; Oregon's nine federally recognized Indian tribes, including descendants of the members of Oregon's nine federally recognized Indian tribes; Immigrants and refugees; Migrant and seasonal farmworkers; Low-income individuals and families; Persons with disabilities; and Individuals who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer or who question their sexual or gender identity. For the purposes of HRSN services, priority populations are those with the intersectional impact of being low income and a member of at least one other of the priority populations.

<sup>4</sup> "Trauma Informed" means a program, organization, or system that realizes the widespread impact of trauma and understands potential paths for recovery; recognizes the signs and symptoms of trauma in clients, families, staff, and others involved with the system; responds by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, and practices; and seeks to actively resist re-traumatization.

language interpretation and translation services to those members who have limited English proficiency, and (ii) American Sign Language (ASL) services for to those members who have a disability that requires ASL in order to communicate.

2. Respond to the cultural needs of the community for whom it provides services by following the National CLAS Standards, to the maximum extent possible.
3. Provide description of how cultural responsiveness and trauma informed care trainings are impacting organizational policies and staff practices.
4. Actively exercise concerted, sustained effort that demonstrates a commitment to employ or contract with staff who reflect the OHP population, including individuals with similar demographics, lived experience, background, and language fluency.

(iv) Demonstrate a history of responsible financial administration via recent annual financial reports, an externally conducted audit, and/or other similar documentation.

#### **b. HRSN Service Provider Readiness**

(i) HRSN Service Providers must meet readiness standards defined by OHA in this Guidance Document.

1. CCO may use operational testing, readiness reviews or other mechanisms to assess HRSN Service Provider capabilities and readiness/ability to participate.

(ii) HRSN Service Providers must demonstrate readiness to execute the following capabilities:

1. Fulfilling all obligations related to participating in the Closed Loop Referral process (acceptance and confirmation)
2. Invoicing for services as agreed upon between Contractor and HRSN Service Provider.

(iii) HRSN Service Providers must attest to compliance with all:

1. Reporting and oversight requirements established by OHA and/or Contractor;
2. Applicable laws relating to privacy and security.

(iv) HRSN Service Providers must become “encounter only” providers in MMIS, OHA’s electronic system that processes Medicaid claims, if not already enrolled Providers.

1. This will allow HRSN Service Providers to be registered as the rendering service provider. This also is the mechanism for OHA to perform the federally-required check to determine

if HRSN Service Providers are on a CMS exclusion list due to past abuse.

2. It will not allow HRSN Service Providers to bill OHA or see claims submitted on their behalf.
3. CCOs will enroll their contracted HRSN Service Providers as encounter only providers in MMIS.

(v) OHA expects that some HRSN Service Providers may require additional assistance to participate in the HRSN initiative. Accordingly, CCOs may contract with HRSN Service Providers that require supports to meet one or more of the HRSN Service Provider Qualifications listed in this Guidance, including, for example:

1. An investment of community capacity building funds to build necessary systems, capabilities and functionalities.
2. Training and technical assistance

### **c. Domain-Specific Provider Qualifications**

(i) **Climate.** HRSN Service Vendors of Climate-Related Supports must meet the following qualifications:

1. HRSN Service Vendors of Climate-Related Supports must have the ability to appropriately deliver Climate-Related Supports or, when applicable, install devices in Members' homes in a reasonable timeframe. In the event a vendor does not also provide installation, Contractor shall coordinate other vendor(s) to address this need as necessary.

(ii) **Housing.** In addition to provider qualifications that apply to all HRSN Service Providers, HRSN housing services providers must:

1. Have knowledge of principles, methods, and procedures of housing services covered under the waiver, or comparable services meant to support individuals in obtaining and maintaining stable housing.
2. Be trained and credentialed, as needed, to provide the specific service. CCOs may use discretion in determining the appropriate level of training or licensure required for each contracted provider.
3. Have the ability to directly meet member's needs for the activities listed in the housing service descriptions or the ability to connect members to the appropriate service provider or vendor. CCOs are expected to develop a broad network of providers to ensure service providers can meet the personal and cultural needs of their communities as appropriate



**(iii) Nutrition.** In addition to provider qualifications that apply to all HRSN Service Providers, HRSN nutrition providers must:

1. Comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws governing food safety standards.
2. Be trained and accredited, to the extent appropriate based on nutrition industry standards, to provide the specific service. CCOs may use discretion in determining the appropriate level of training or licensure required for each contracted provider of a HRSN nutrition service, as long as they ensure providers will act in accordance with nutrition-related national guidelines, such as the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, or evidence-based practice guidelines for specific chronic diseases and conditions. Depending on the specific service being provided, appropriate training and credentialing may entail:
  - A. Relevant training(s) (e.g., webinar courses provided by SNAP-Ed, CDC-approved training for the National Diabetes Prevention Program Lifestyle Coach position, or other trainings from accredited nutrition organizations) or
  - B. Certification (e.g., Certified Nutrition & Wellness Educator by the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences) or
  - C. Licensure (e.g., Registered Dietician Nutritionist).
3. Have the ability to meet the needs of member's personal and cultural dietary preferences. CCOs are expected to develop a network of HRSN nutrition providers that, together, are able to serve the personal and cultural needs of their communities, though no one provider must be able to meet all members' personal and cultural dietary preferences.
4. Have the capacity to provide services on a one-time, daily, weekly, or monthly basis, depending on the specific service's permitted frequency and member's preference.
5. If a nutrition service is administered by a gift card/debit card, the HRSN Service Provider must have the ability to administer and coordinate the service, including engaging with members to explain the service, having relationships with food retailers that will accept payment, and monitoring and overseeing use of the cards.

**(iv) Outreach and Engagement.** In addition to provider qualifications that apply to all HRSN Service Providers, HRSN Outreach and Engagement service providers must:

1. Have an appropriate level of experience, competency, and capacity to carry out the responsibilities outlined in the Outreach and Engagement service definition. CCOs may

use discretion in determining whether a provider can sufficiently provide this service.

2. Have knowledge of the following:
  - A. Cultural specificity and responsiveness approaches
  - B. Community outreach and engagement best practices
  - C. Basic eligibility and enrollment policies and practices for OHP, the HRSN program, and Federal and state entitlements and benefits including SNAP, WIC, TANF, Social Security, Social Security Disability, and Veterans Affairs benefits, and other federal and state housing programs.
  - D. Local community resources for supporting basic needs such as access to shower, laundry, shelter, and food.
3. Excellent oral communication skills with the ability to explain complex information to individuals—including those in the OHA HRSN Priority Populations--in an understandable, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive way.
4. Ability to maintain strict confidentiality and handle sensitive information appropriately.

#### **d. HRSN Network Monitoring Data**

CCOs must provide additional information regarding their networks of HRSN Service Providers, in accordance with the requirements outlined in the HRSN Contract Amendment. Data elements collected will be at the HRSN Service Provider organization level and include, at a minimum:

- (i) Total number of HRSN Service Providers offering services within Contractor's Provider Network
- (ii) Total number of HRSN Service Providers that have not previously provided HRS Services (i.e., new service providers)
- (iii) Total number of HRSN Service Providers per service domain (housing, nutrition, climate and outreach and engagement) and number of providers that are providing services across multiple service domains
- (iv) Estimated HRSN network capacity (i.e., how many individuals the HRSN network can serve across all services, and culturally-specific HRSN provider capacity)
- (v) Average time for an HRSN Service Provider to contact referred Member after receiving a referral, by service domain, disaggregated by REALD-SOGI and OHA priority populations
- (vi) Average time for an HRSN Service Provider to initiate service to a Member after receiving a referral, by service domain, disaggregated by REALD-SOGI and OHA priority populations

- (vii) Percentage of completed delivered services, defined as total number of services delivered divided by total number of referrals accepted, by service domain
- (viii) Percentage of referrals accepted, defined as total number of referrals accepted divided by total number of referrals received, by service domain
- (ix) Percentage of services declined by Members after referral and initial outreach, by service domain, disaggregated by REALD-SOGI and OHA priority populations; and
- (x) Percentage of Members reporting their needs were met as documented in the Person-Centered Care Plan by service, by service domain, disaggregated by REALD-SOGI and OHA priority populations. CCOs to report on content from the Person-Centered Care Plan in accordance with OAR 410-141-3860, 410-141-3865, and 410-141-3870.

## 8. HRSN Non-Risk Settlement Procedure

OHA will be using mixture of a manual and automatic payment processes to reimburse CCOs for the services they've provided through a non-risk arrangement. OHA encourages CCOs to start submitting encounter data based on the billing guidance to OHA starting March 1, 2024; however, encounter data will only be required once OHA notifies CCOs via administrative notice to start submitting encounter data with at least 90 days prior notice to start the automatic process of HRSN payment with encounter data.

### a. Manual Payment Process

The following details the manual process for payment

- (i) **Non-risk Service Manual Payment Process:** On August 30, 2024, CCOs will submit a HRSN settlement template of HRSN Services paid to HRSN Service Providers and vendors with all the required data elements on the billing guidance, which includes member information, CCO internal prior authorization numbers and paid amounts that meet the fee schedule parameters. This will include all HRSN Services that are provided between March to June 2024. The settlement will be posted to the CCO contract forms website. OHA will communicate additional manual process deadlines at least 90 days prior to submission.

### b. Automatic Payment Process

The following details the automatic process for payment

- (ii) **Non-risk Service Automatic Payment Process:** Once CCOs are notified via administrative notice of the automatic payment process effective date, CCOs will be required to submit HRSN encounter data as specified by the billing guidance to OHA. HRSN Service Providers

must receive payment prior to a CCO submitting an HRSN encounter to OHA for reimbursement. The automatic process in MMIS is currently being developed and the following general outline is subject to change of the process:

- a. HRSN Service Providers or HRSN Vendors invoice CCOs and report required billing elements to CCO
- b. CCOs reject or adjudicate payment
- c. CCOs create an encounter claim with required billing elements and submit to OHA
- d. OHA processes submitted encounters and typical acceptance/denial process occurs
- e. OHA will take all clean encounters on a weekly basis and batch for payment
- f. The following week a payment will be issued to CCOs

Please note, this is the final process after referral and authorization has occurred. An appendix is included showing the general flow of encounter data and payment. Please see the [Appendix E](#).

#### **c. Administrative Payment Process**

OHA will be paying CCOs for their administrative responsibilities using two payment methods. OHA will request, on at least a biannual basis, CCOs submit administrative cost information as specified by the settlement template posted to the CCO contract forms website.

- (i) **Capitation:** OHA will be paying CCOs through capitation a per-member, per-month for CY2024 for the HRSN administrative services that are typically fixed. This will include the consideration of managing the distribution and administration of Capacity Funds.
- (ii) **Add-on to non-risk services payment process:** OHA acknowledges that additional administrative resources will be needed if more services are provided. OHA will also pay and allow a certain percentage, or dollar add, to pay for administrative costs be added to HRSN Services as defined in the fee schedule. This per-service administrative payment will consider variable costs.
- (iii) OHA will review HRSN direct administrative expenses as compared with administrative funding received by CCOs on an annual basis based on HRSN Covered Services provided and review of administrative expenses against available revenue. The review may result in a change in the administrative funding on a retroactive basis.

#### **d. Billing guidance and required elements**

OHA will require either through the manual or automatic payment process, CCOs collect and report the following data. This list is subject to change:

- (i) Oregon Medicaid provider enrollment number,

- (ii) Member information,
- (iii) Rendering provider organization,
- (iv) Date(s) of service,
- (v) Location of service provision,
- (vi) A description of HRSN Services furnished,
- (vii) Applicable service codes as described in the HRSN Fee Schedule, including appropriate modifiers,
- (viii) If the HRSN Service provided is a Climate-Related Support, a description of the support device provided,
- (ix) If the HRSN Service provided is an Outreach & Engagement Service, a description of the activity and duration,
- (x) HRSN diagnosis code information, and
- (xi) Any other information as required by the State. This information must be made available to the State upon request.
- (xii) If installation support is provided, such as for an AC, CCOs should ensure a signature is collected from the Member to confirm receipt of service, as applicable.

**HRSN Devices Fee Schedule:**

**Climate-Related Supports**

Climate Devices Fee Schedule (Version 7, January 17, 2024)

Procedure Code	Modifiers	Service Description	Unit	OHA Expected Unit Costs	Rate <sup>1,2</sup>
S5165 - Home modifications; per service	U1 - HRSN Waiver Program V1 - Air conditioner	Medically necessary - Air conditioner, including delivery	Per Item	\$ 660.00	Actual cost, subject to maximum allowable
T2029 - Specialized medical equipment, NOS, waiver	U1 - HRSN Waiver Program	Medically necessary - Air filtration device, including delivery	Per Item	\$ 500.00	Actual cost, subject to maximum allowable
T2028 - Specialized supply, NOS, waiver	U1 - HRSN Waiver Program TS - Follow up service	Medically necessary - Air filter replacement, including delivery	Per Item	\$ 70.00	Actual cost, subject to maximum allowable
S5165 - Home modifications; per service	U1 - HRSN Waiver Program V3 - Generator	Medically necessary - Portable power supply, including delivery	Per Item	\$ 1,590.00	Actual cost, subject to maximum allowable
S5165 - Home modifications; per service	U1 - HRSN Waiver Program V4 - Heater	Medically necessary - Heater, including delivery	Per Item	\$ 290.00	Actual cost, subject to maximum allowable
S5165 - Home modifications; per service	U1 - HRSN Waiver Program V2 - Refrigeration	Medically necessary - Mini refrigerator, including delivery	Per Item	\$ 170.00	Actual cost, subject to maximum allowable
S5165 - Home modifications; per service	U1 - HRSN Waiver Program NU - New Equipment	Medically necessary climate device installation	Per Service	\$ 28.00	Actual cost, subject to maximum allowable
T1017 - Targeted case management, each 15 minutes	U1 - HRSN Waiver Program UD - Outreach and engagement	Outreach and Engagement by CBO or HRSN provider <sup>3</sup>	Per 15 Minutes	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
N/A	N/A	CCO variable administrative load <sup>4</sup>	Per Device	NA	\$ 78.00

**Footnotes:**

1. Rates listed as "Actual cost, subject to maximum allowable" will have an upper payment limit of 150% of the OHA Expected Unit Costs. The 150% factor is to allow for variation in device and shipping costs over time and across geographies.
2. A 2% MCO tax load will be added to all payments included in the fee schedule.
3. Outreach and Engagement applies to activities performed by CBOs and HRSN providers. This activity is only billable for HRSN-eligible members.
4. Must be billed in conjunction with a climate device.

## 9. HRSN Data Collection and Reporting

OHA is requiring CCOs gather information from providers and members as specified in the HRSN Eligibility Screening requirements, billing guidance, and network monitoring reporting requirements. CCOs must document the results of the HRSN Eligibility Screening, including at minimum, the information listed below:

- (a) The Member's OHP Medicaid Number,
- (b) The HRSN Covered Population to which they belong,
- (c) The Member's HRSN Climate Device Clinical Risk Factor(s),
- (d) The Member's HRSN Service(s) authorized,
- (e) Whether the Member is receiving the same or substantially similar service as the identified HRSN Services need from a local, state, or federally funded program, and Quarterly, and as reasonably requested by OHA from time to time and as requested by CMS, Contractor shall submit the information listed in (a)-(e) above in this section to OHA using the HRSN specific tab on Exhibit L. The Exhibit L Template is included on the CCO Forms website.

Additional HRSN data collection and reporting may be required in the future, after OHA receives final CMS Guidance.

## 10. Health-Related Services (HRS) vs. Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Benefit

Climate devices and related services that are not covered as HRSN Services or devices could be Health-Related Services. Once some members become eligible for covered HRSN devices, CCOs should only report HRS spending on climate devices that were not provided to members eligible for HRSN devices. Additionally, when reporting in Report L6.21 of Exhibit L, CCOs should explicitly state in the spending description (Column C) that the HRS spending was not used to provide devices for members eligible for the HRSN device benefit.

If CCOs bulk purchase climate devices, but do not distribute all devices within the HRS reporting period, the CCO may still report the devices as HRS flexible services. The CCO can only do this for the devices that will be stored until they are provided to members who are not eligible for the HRSN device benefit. When reporting this in Report L6.21 of Exhibit L, the CCO must attest to this in the spending description (Column C).

In addition to using HRS for climate devices, CCOs may also use HRS to address the member's increased utility costs associated with using a climate device. Similar to reporting for the climate devices, the CCO will need to attest to the utility costs not being covered HRSN benefits for those members in the spending description (Column C).

Additional information about HRS and CCO HRS guidance is available on [OHA's HRS website](#). For HRS specific questions, please contact the HRS team at [Health.RelatedServices@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:Health.RelatedServices@oha.oregon.gov).

## **11. SHARE (Supporting Health for All through Reinvestment) Initiative vs. HRSN Benefit**

CCOs are not allowed to use SHARE funds for any covered services, including HRSN benefits for eligible members. CCOs may only use SHARE funds on HRSN-related supports and services 1) prior to them becoming covered benefits, or 2) for populations not eligible for the HRSN benefit. In addition, SHARE funds may not be used for climate devices for any population.

However, CCOs could likely use SHARE funds to support capacity building or capital expenses for an organization providing a variety of health-related social needs including climate-related needs. The CCO would need to describe how the activities fit into one of the SDOH-E domains or is part of permanent supportive housing.

Additional information about SHARE is available on [OHA's SHARE Initiative webpage](#). For SHARE-specific questions, please contact Transformation.Center@odhsoha.oregon.gov.

# Appendix

## Appendix A: HRSN Covered Populations

Covered Population	Population Description
<b>Adults and youth discharged from an Institution for Mental Disease (IMD)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members that were discharged from an IMD in the last 12 months.</li> </ul> <p>Eligibility must be determined within 12 months of discharge, and may extend for up to 12 months thereafter.</p>
<b>Adults and youths released from incarceration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members released from incarceration within the past twelve (12) months, including those released from state and federal prisons, local correctional facilities, juvenile detention facilities, Oregon Youth Authority closed custody corrections, tribal correctional facilities, or immigration detention facilities.</li> </ul> <p>Eligibility must be determined within 12 months of discharge, and may extend for up to 12 months thereafter.</p>
<b>Individuals involved with child welfare</b>	<p>Members who are currently or have previously been involved in Oregon’s Child Welfare system through being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In foster/substitute care;</li> <li>The recipient of adoption or guardianship assistance or family preservation services; or</li> <li>The subject of an open child welfare case in any court.</li> </ul>
<b>Individuals transitioning to Dual Status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members enrolled in the OHP that are transitioning to dual Medicaid/Medicare status. Members shall be included in this covered population for the 90 days (3 months) preceding the date Medicare coverage is to take effect and the 9 months after it takes effect.</li> </ul> <p>Eligibility must be determined within 9 months of transition and may extend for up to 12 months thereafter.</p>
<b>Individuals who are homeless</b>	<p>“HUD Homeless” has the meaning assigned to it by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in 24 CFR 91.5.</p>
<b>Individuals who are at risk of homeless</b>	<p>“At Risk of Homelessness” has the meaning assigned to it by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in 24 CFR 91.5.</p>



## Appendix B: HRSN Request Form: *in draft, will provide final form template upon completion.*

### Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Request Form: CLIMATE-RELATED SERVICES

*Updated Draft: 1/22/2024*

#### Purpose

This is a referral form to the Oregon Health Plan “Health-Related Social Needs” program.

To be eligible, you must:

- Be an Oregon Health Plan (OHP) member.
- Have a health condition that makes extreme heat, cold temperature, poor air quality, or power outage particularly challenging or dangerous for you.
- Be in one of the groups listed in Section 2 that puts you at increased risk of poor health.
- Currently need a heater, air conditioner, air filter, mini-refrigerator for medications, or a portable power supply.
- Request the service and agree to share your information to see if you are eligible.

Your health plan will review this form to connect with you and determine whether you are eligible for the Health-Related Social Needs benefits.

#### Who can complete this form?

- You
- Parent or Caregiver
- A guardian, support, or trusted friend
- A staff member from an organization

#### What needs to be completed?

- Please fill out as much of the form as you are willing to do at this time.
- Information in section 1 is required to be completed before submitting the form. Your health plan will contact you to complete the process.
- *There is a standard limit of one climate device type per household. However, exceptions may be made based on individual circumstances. If you are requesting climate-related equipment for more than one member of your household, please fill out a HRSN Request Form for each person.*

#### Where to send this completed form?

##### CCO Members

- Return this form to the member’s CCO by email, mail, or fax as designated by CCO.

- List of CCO Plans and Contact Information can be found at this [Oregon Health Plan CCO Plans Page](#).

### **Open Card (Fee for Service) Members**

- Return this form to the member's Fee For Service Care Coordination by email or fax.
- [ORCM@kepro.com](mailto:ORCM@kepro.com) | Fax: (866) 350-1311

### **Questions**

- If you do not know your CCO, please call OHP Client Services at (800) 273-0557.
- If you have questions about your health plan, please call Oregon Eligibility (ONE) Customer Service at (800) 699-9075.
- If you have questions for the Open Card (Fee For Service) Care Coordination team, please call 1-800-562-4620.

**Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Request Form  
CLIMATE-RELATED SERVICES**

**SECTION 1: REQUIRED INFORMATION**

OHP may be able to help you get a heater, air conditioner, air filter, mini-refrigerator, and power supply to manage certain medical conditions during extreme weather.

**AGREEMENT for SERVICE REQUEST**

I am requesting help from my health plan to see if I qualify for a heating, cooling, or air purification equipment to help me during times of extreme weather.

- Yes
- No

I agree to have my health plan contact me to get more information about this request.

- Yes
- No

OHP MEMBERSHIP	
I have OHP/Medicaid	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, get help for applying for OHP: <a href="https://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/find-help.aspx">https://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/find-help.aspx</a>
My Medicaid ID # (if known)	
Date of Birth MM/DD/YYYY	
My Health Plan (if known)	
My Name on OHP/Medicaid Card	
Preferred Name and Pronouns	
Accessibility Needs (preferred spoken language, sign language, braille, large font)	
The best way to contact me is: <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Text <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Postal Mail <input type="checkbox"/> In person	
The best time to contact me is: <input type="checkbox"/> Morning	

<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon <input type="checkbox"/> Evening	
It is okay to leave a detailed message about my request.	
Mailing address if available	

CLIMATE DEVICE REQUEST	
I am requesting:	<input type="checkbox"/> Air conditioner <input type="checkbox"/> Portable Heater <input type="checkbox"/> Air filtration device <input type="checkbox"/> Mini refrigerator for medications <input type="checkbox"/> Portable power supply for my medical equipment during a power outage
I can safely use the device where I live. I can safely and legally plug in the device.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
The device(s) I'm requesting have already been given to me by another organization or program.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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**Attestation**

I sign this request for determination of eligibility for and authorization of Oregon Health Plan Health-Related Social Needs services under penalty of perjury. That means, to the best of my knowledge, all of the information I gave in this request is true, correct, and complete. I know that under state or federal law if I provide intentionally false and/or untrue information I may be subject to penalties and/or be required to repay for the money spent to provide any services I receive as a result of this request for services.

A representative may sign this form on behalf of a Member, including if the Member is a minor.

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Representative's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Representative's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 2: OPTIONAL INFORMATION

The answers to these questions are optional, but they will help you know if you are likely to be eligible for an OHP climate-related service.

Your health plan will have to know the answers to these questions to determine if you are eligible for a device. Your health plan care coordination team will contact you to discuss these questions.

1. To qualify for a climate device, you must be part of at least one of the eligibility groups below.

At least one (1) of the following groups apply to me:	Yes
I will become eligible for Medicare in addition to OHP in the next 3 months	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
I enrolled in Medicare in addition to OHP for the first time no more than 9 months ago	<input type="checkbox"/> No
I may be homeless soon, I might lose my housing, I spend at least 50% of my income on rent, I live in a recreational vehicle (RV, trailer), I am homeless, I don't have a regular place to sleep, I am staying at someone else's home.	
I received care in the Oregon State Hospital or a large substance use disorder residential treatment or withdrawal management program in the past 12 months	
I was released from a jail, detention center, Oregon Youth Authority facility, prison in the last 12 months	
I was involved with child welfare services in Oregon at some point in my life. I have been in foster or substitute care, received adoption or guardianship assistance or family preservation services, or been in court regarding child welfare.	

2. To get a climate device, you must have at least one of the health conditions listed below.

At least one (1) of the following conditions apply to me:	
I am younger than 6 years old	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
I am 65 years old or older	
I am currently pregnant	
I have a sensory, physical, intellectual, or developmental disability	
I take medication(s) that need to be refrigerated	
I use medical equipment that needs electricity to work	
I use assistive technology that needs electricity to work	
I have diabetes	
I have a chronic heart condition, such as heart failure, or have had a heart attack	
I have a chronic condition that makes me at risk for blood clots or a stroke	
I have chronic lung conditions that require me to take medicine regularly to treat it such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma, fibrosis, chronic bronchitis, bronchiectasis, or a restrictive lung disease	
I use oxygen at home	
I have a chronic kidney disease	
I have multiple sclerosis	
I have Parkinson's	
I have had a spinal cord injury	
I receive in-home hospice care	
I have had a heat-related illness in the past	
I have schizophrenia	
I have bipolar disorder	
I have major depressive disorder and have needed crisis services, hospitalization, or residential treatment in the past 12 months	
I have an alcohol or substance use disorder	
I have a major neurocognitive disorder that impacts my function, such as Alzheimer's dementia or a traumatic brain injury	
I get nutrition through tube feeding (enteral) or IV catheter (parental)	
I have another health condition that is not listed but may qualify	

3. Your health plan can also connect you to other services and supports.

I would also like my health plan to help connect me to	Yes
Medical care, primary care provider or specialty care	
Mental health care	
Substance use disorder care	
Dental Care	
Vision care, glasses	
Hearing care, hearing aids	

I would also like my health plan to help connect me to	Yes
Medical care, primary care provider or specialty care	
Peer support services or a Traditional Health Worker	
SNAP, TANF, WIC	
Educational, legal, social or other related services	

### SECTION 3:

#### **Submitting Organization Information (if applicable)**

*The organization supporting the member to submit this form must complete the information below.*

Organization Name	
Name and Role of Individual Submitting Form	
Phone	
Email	

### REALD-SOGI: Optional

REALD-SOGI FORM – Separate Document

**Appendix C. HRSN Eligibility Screening Template: *in draft, will provide final form template upon completion.***

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## **Health-Related Social Needs Service Eligibility Screening Template**

### **CLIMATE-RELATED SERVICES**

#### **Instructions**

This HRSN Eligibility Screening template contains the information required to make an HRSN eligibility determination. Health plans must document the required elements of the Eligibility Screening in its entirety and resulting HRSN Service(s) authorization or denial; and report this information to OHA using the HRSN specific tabs on Exhibit L. All authorized and denied HRSN Services may be documented together in the same HRSN Screening.

Health plans are responsible for obtaining additional information, if needed, to complete the HRSN Eligibility Screening. Health plans may use information in their own records, obtain the missing information directly from the Member requesting the HRSN Service(s), and, when permitted by the Member, collect only the relevant and appropriate information from the HRSN Connector who submitted the HRSN Request.

There is a standard limit of one climate device type per household. However, exceptions may be made based on individual circumstances. When multiple family members are requesting HRSN climate service(s) or associated HRSN Outreach and Engagement Services, a separate HRSN Eligibility Screening must be completed for each individual.



## Member Information

<b>Required Information</b>	
Full Legal Name	[first] [middle] [last]
Medicaid ID	
Date of Birth	
<b>Additional optional Information</b>	
Preferred name	
Pronouns	
Language and accessibility needs	
Preferred Contact Information	

## Member Attestation and Authorization

Check each box to confirm that the Member has:

- Attested if they are receiving the same or a substantially similar service as the identified HRSN Services need from a local, state, or federally funded program.
- Agreed to receive authorized HRSN Services.
- Agreed to be contacted for essential communications related to delivery of HRSN Services or member rights and responsibilities.
- Attested that they can safely use the climate device in their primary place of residence, as applicable.
- Member has requested to not use information technology methods of personal data sharing, such as Community Information Exchange

### For Open Card Members:

- Signed the Data Sharing Authorization form; or
- Declined to sign the Data Sharing Authorization form

## ELIGIBILITY SCREENING

### HRSN Transition Populations criteria

The HRSN Covered Population to which the Member belongs:

- Discharged from an Institute of Mental Disease (IMD) within the past 365 days.
- Released from a state or federal prison, local correctional facility, juvenile detention facility, Oregon Youth Authority closed custody correction, tribal correctional facility, or immigration detention facility within the past 365 days.
- Current or past involvement in Oregon's Child Welfare system through being in foster/substitute care; the recipient of adoption or guardianship assistance or family preservation services; or the subject of an open child welfare case in any court.
- Transitioning to dual status (Medicaid & Medicare): eligible for HRSN Services during the 90 days (3 months) preceding the date Medicare coverage is to take effect and the 9 months after it takes effect.
- Meets 24 CFR § 91.5 definition of homeless or at risk of homelessness, as used by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

**Climate Service Needs and Climate Device Clinical Risk Factor Criteria**

Please fill out the following table with the specific clinical device needs, authorization determination, and corresponding qualifying clinical criteria. Include the date of climate device authorization or reason for denial as applicable.

Outreach and Engagement Services	Presumed Eligible for HRSN Services
<input type="checkbox"/> Authorized Date of service authorization:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Denied Reason for Denial:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Not requested	

Climate Devices	Qualifying Clinical Criteria by Device (current medical condition, active in past 12mo)
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<p><b>Air Conditioner</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized Date of service authorization:	<input type="checkbox"/> Pregnant and currently has, has a history of, or is at risk for at least one of the specified clinical conditions detailed in the CMS approved HRSN services protocol	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied Reason for Denial:	<input type="checkbox"/> Child less than 6 years of age and currently has, has a history of, or is at risk for at least one of the specified clinical conditions detailed in the CMS approved HRSN services protocol
	<input type="checkbox"/> Not requested	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult 65 years and older and currently has, has a history of, or is at risk for at least one of the specified clinical conditions detailed in the CMS approved HRSN services protocol
		<input type="checkbox"/> Bipolar and related disorders
		<input type="checkbox"/> Major depressive disorder, with an acute care need in the past 12 months including a suicide attempt, crisis services utilization (emergency department, mobile crisis team, etc.), acute psychiatric hospitalization, or residential treatment.
		<input type="checkbox"/> Schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders
		<input type="checkbox"/> One or more of the following substance use disorders: alcohol use disorder, hallucinogen use disorders, inhalant use disorder, opioid use disorder, stimulant use disorder
		<input type="checkbox"/> Major neurocognitive disorder
	<input type="checkbox"/> Chronic lower respiratory condition: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma requiring regular use of	

	asthma controlling medications, restrictive lung disease, fibrosis, chronic bronchitis, bronchiectasis
	<input type="checkbox"/> Chronic cardiovascular disease, including cerebrovascular disease and heart disease
	<input type="checkbox"/> Spinal cord injury
	<input type="checkbox"/> Any sensory, physical, intellectual, or developmental disability that increases health risks during extreme climate events
	<input type="checkbox"/> Receiving in-home hospice
	<input type="checkbox"/> Previous heat-related or cold-related illness requiring urgent or acute care, e.g., emergency room and urgent care visits
	<input type="checkbox"/> Chronic kidney disease
	<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes mellitus, requiring any medication, oral or insulin
	<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Sclerosis
	<input type="checkbox"/> Parkinson’s disease
	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval by review for medical exception due to:

<b>Air Filtration Device</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized Date of service authorization:  <input type="checkbox"/> Denied Reason for Denial:  <input type="checkbox"/> Not requested	<input type="checkbox"/> Pregnant and currently has, has a history of, or is at risk for at least one of the specified clinical conditions detailed in the CMS approved HRSN services protocol
	<input type="checkbox"/> Child less than 6 years of age and currently has, has a history of, or is at risk for at least one of the specified clinical conditions detailed in the CMS approved HRSN services protocol
	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult 65 years and older and currently has, has a history of, or is at risk for at least one of the specified clinical conditions detailed in the CMS approved HRSN services protocol
	<input type="checkbox"/> Bipolar and related disorders
	<input type="checkbox"/> Major depressive disorder, with an acute care need in the past 12 months including a suicide attempt, crisis services utilization (emergency department, mobile crisis team, etc.), acute psychiatric hospitalization, or residential treatment.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders
	<input type="checkbox"/> One or more of the following substance use disorders: alcohol use disorder, hallucinogen use disorders, inhalant use disorder, opioid use disorder, stimulant use disorder
	<input type="checkbox"/> Major neurocognitive disorder
	<input type="checkbox"/> Chronic lower respiratory condition: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma requiring regular use of asthma controlling medications, restrictive lung disease, fibrosis, chronic bronchitis, bronchiectasis
	<input type="checkbox"/> Chronic cardiovascular disease, including cerebrovascular disease and heart disease

	<input type="checkbox"/> Spinal cord injury
	<input type="checkbox"/> Any sensory, physical, intellectual, or developmental disability that increases health risks during extreme climate events
	<input type="checkbox"/> Receiving in-home hospice
	<input type="checkbox"/> Home oxygen use: home oxygen, oxygen concentrator, home ventilator
	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval by review for medical exception due to:

<b>Heater</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized Date of service authorization:  <input type="checkbox"/> Denied Reason for Denial:  <input type="checkbox"/> Not requested	<input type="checkbox"/> Pregnant and currently has, has a history of, or is at risk for at least one of the specified clinical conditions detailed in the CMS approved HRSN services protocol
	<input type="checkbox"/> Child less than 6 years of age and currently has, has a history of, or is at risk for at least one of the specified clinical conditions detailed in the CMS approved HRSN services protocol
	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult 65 years and older and currently has, has a history of, or is at risk for at least one of the specified clinical conditions detailed in the CMS approved HRSN services protocol
	<input type="checkbox"/> Bipolar and related disorders
	<input type="checkbox"/> Major depressive disorder, with an acute care need in the past 12 months including a suicide attempt, crisis services utilization (emergency department, mobile crisis team, etc.), acute psychiatric hospitalization, or residential treatment.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders
	<input type="checkbox"/> One or more of the following substance use disorders: alcohol use disorder, hallucinogen use disorders, inhalant use disorder, opioid use disorder, stimulant use disorder
	<input type="checkbox"/> Major neurocognitive disorder
	<input type="checkbox"/> Chronic lower respiratory condition: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma requiring regular use of asthma controlling medications, restrictive lung disease, fibrosis, chronic bronchitis, bronchiectasis
	<input type="checkbox"/> Chronic cardiovascular disease, including cerebrovascular disease and heart disease
	<input type="checkbox"/> Spinal cord injury
	<input type="checkbox"/> Any sensory, physical, intellectual, or developmental disability that increases health risks during extreme climate events
	<input type="checkbox"/> Receiving in-home hospice
	<input type="checkbox"/> Previous heat-related or cold-related illness requiring urgent or acute care, e.g., emergency room and urgent care visits
	<input type="checkbox"/> Chronic kidney disease

	<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes mellitus, requiring any medication, oral or insulin
	<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Sclerosis
	<input type="checkbox"/> Parkinson's disease
	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval by review for medical exception due to:

<b>Mini-refrigeration Unit</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized Date of service authorization:  <input type="checkbox"/> Denied Reason for Denial:  <input type="checkbox"/> Not requested	<input type="checkbox"/> Medications requiring refrigeration. Examples include but are not limited to medications for diabetes mellitus, glaucoma, and asthma; TNF inhibitors
	<input type="checkbox"/> Enteral or parenteral nutrition
	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval by review for medical exception due to:

<b>Portable Power Supply</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized Date of service authorization:  <input type="checkbox"/> Denied Reason for Denial:  <input type="checkbox"/> Not requested	<input type="checkbox"/> Durable medical equipment (DME) requiring electricity for use. Examples include but are not limited to oxygen delivery systems, including concentrators, humidifiers, nebulizers, and ventilators; intermittent positive pressure breathing machines; cardiac devices, in home dialysis and automated peritoneal dialysis; feeding pumps, IV infusions; suction pumps; power wheelchair and scooter; lift systems and electric beds; breast pumps for first 6mo post-partum; other DME medically required for sustaining life.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Assistive technologies requiring electricity and necessary for communication or ADLs.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval by review for medical exception due to:

**Appendix D: Data Sharing Authorization Form: *in draft, will provide final form template upon completion.***

**Data Sharing Authorization Form for the Health Related Social Needs Benefit  
Version 1.0**

First Name	Last Name(s)	Date of Birth	
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code
Phone Number(s)	Email	OHP Medicaid ID:	

Health Related Social Needs (HRSN) services are items and supports that are covered by Oregon’s Medicaid program, Oregon Health Plan (OHP), at no cost to you. HRSN services can include things like portable power supplies or mini refrigeration units to keep medication cold, meals that follow a special diet for your medical condition, or housing support. Organizations that give you HRSN services are known as “HRSN Service Providers.”

**The purpose of this form is to enable you to authorize the sharing of your health information and other confidential information for the purposes described below.**

**By signing, you are only authorizing certain organizations and individuals to share your information, and only the minimum amount of your information necessary.** For example, if you have diabetes and you need medically tailored meals, your signature on this form authorizes the sharing of your health information to ensure you receive meals that meet your special dietary needs. *Signing this form does **not** authorize your information to be shared with law enforcement or immigration authorities. Signing this document does **not** mean you agree to pay for any HRSN benefits.*

**Part 1. Purposes of Sharing Information.** By signing, you authorize your health information and other confidential information to be shared in order to:

- (a) Determine your eligibility for, refer you to, provide you with, or help you access HRSN services; and
- (b) Identify, support, coordinate, improve, and pay for HRSN services to be provided to you.

**Part 2. Information You Authorize to be Shared.** By signing, you authorize the following types of health information and other information about you to be shared as needed for the purposes outlined in Part 1.

- (a) Demographic information, such as your name, age, date of birth, address, contact information, accessibility needs, preferred language, needs for interpretation, and other information that can help connect you to a culturally specific HRSN Service Provider.
- (b) Certain protected health information (PHI), such as information about your Medicaid eligibility/enrollment, and, only when necessary, your medical history, lab test results, medication use, conditions, and treatments.
- (c) HRSN-specific information, including your HRSN service eligibility criteria, clinical and social risk factors, authorized HRSN services, and HRSN Service Providers.
- (d) Mental health information, including your diagnoses and treatments only when necessary. *This does not include psychotherapy notes, which will only be shared if you give further consent.*
- (e) Substance use disorder information, only as necessary for your HRSN services, which may include your current and past alcohol or drug use, diagnoses, medications, treatment, trauma history, or facility discharges. *Note: Only if you check the box at the end of this form, this may include substance use disorder information about you that comes from a substance/alcohol use disorder provider subject to federal substance use confidentiality regulations (42 C.F.R. Part 2).*



- (f) Housing/homelessness information, including your housing status, history, and supports.

**Part 3. Sources and Recipients of Your Information.** By signing, you agree to the exchange of your health and other confidential information with and between people and entities from which you have received, are receiving, or may receive health- or HRSN services or care coordination (Care Partners). Your Care Partners may include the following:

- (a) Healthcare providers, such as hospitals, clinics, physicians, pharmacies, dentists, and behavioral health providers.
- (b) Oregon Health Authority (OHA).
- (c) OHA's third party contractor who administers OHP fee-for-service benefits and may pay for services you receive.
- (d) HRSN Service Providers and vendors who may deliver or provide you with items, such as air conditioner units, under the HRSN benefit. A list of such HRSN Service Providers can be found in Attachment A.

Your Care Partners and their contractors agree to obey all applicable laws protecting your information.

**Part 4. Expiration, Revocation, or Change of This Form.** Once signed, this form will be effective until one of the following occurs, whichever happens first:

- (a) Twelve (12) months passes from the date of your signing this form;
- (b) You revoke this form; or
- (c) You make any change to this form, and the new form becomes effective.

**Part 5. Your Rights.** By signing you confirm your understanding that:

- (a) You can revoke or change this form at any time by submitting a request in writing to OHA's contractor at [Open Card at ORCM@kepro.com];
- (b) Data shared before you revoke this form cannot be recalled or deleted;
- (c) You may decline to sign this form and doing so will not affect your benefits, treatment, or care, your eligibility or authorization for HRSN services, or payment for authorized HRSN services, *but it may impact OHA's ability to refer you to HRSN Service Providers so that you can receive HRSN services*;
- (d) You have a right to receive a copy of this form;
- (e) The information you authorize for release could be shared by your Care Partners with other people or entities, but only in compliance with this form and applicable law; and
- (f) You may obtain a list of your Care Partners with which your information has been shared by contacting [Open Card at ORCM@kepro.com].

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**By signing this form, I authorize my Care Partners to use and share my health information and other confidential information for the purposes described in Part 1 above.**

**If I voluntarily list my phone number above, I consent to the receipt of texts or calls from my Care Partners to communicate with me about my consent choices and how my information may be shared (standard message and data rates may apply).**

**By checking this box, I also authorize the disclosure of substance use disorder information about me that comes from providers subject to federal substance use confidentiality regulations (42 C.F.R. Part 2).**

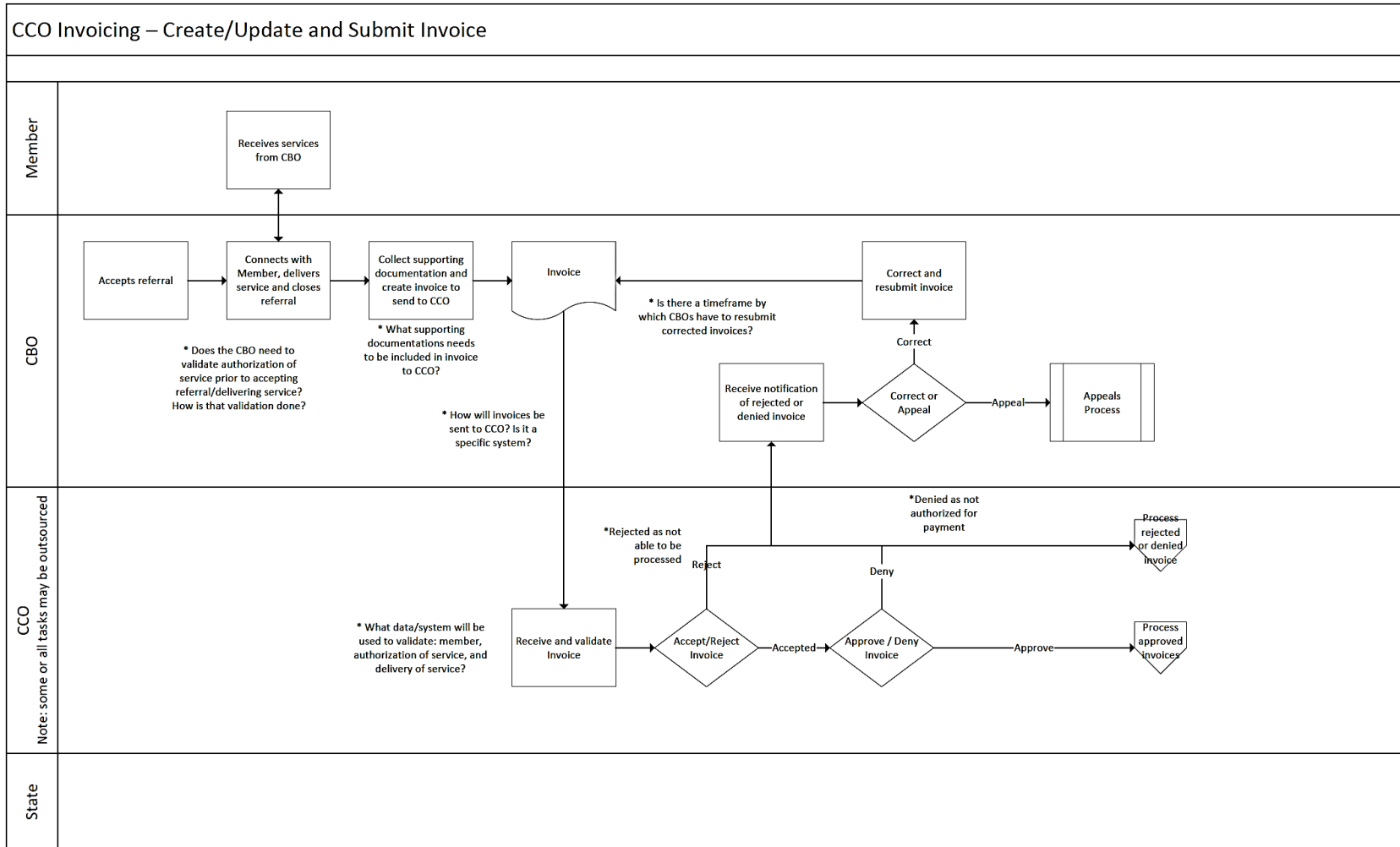
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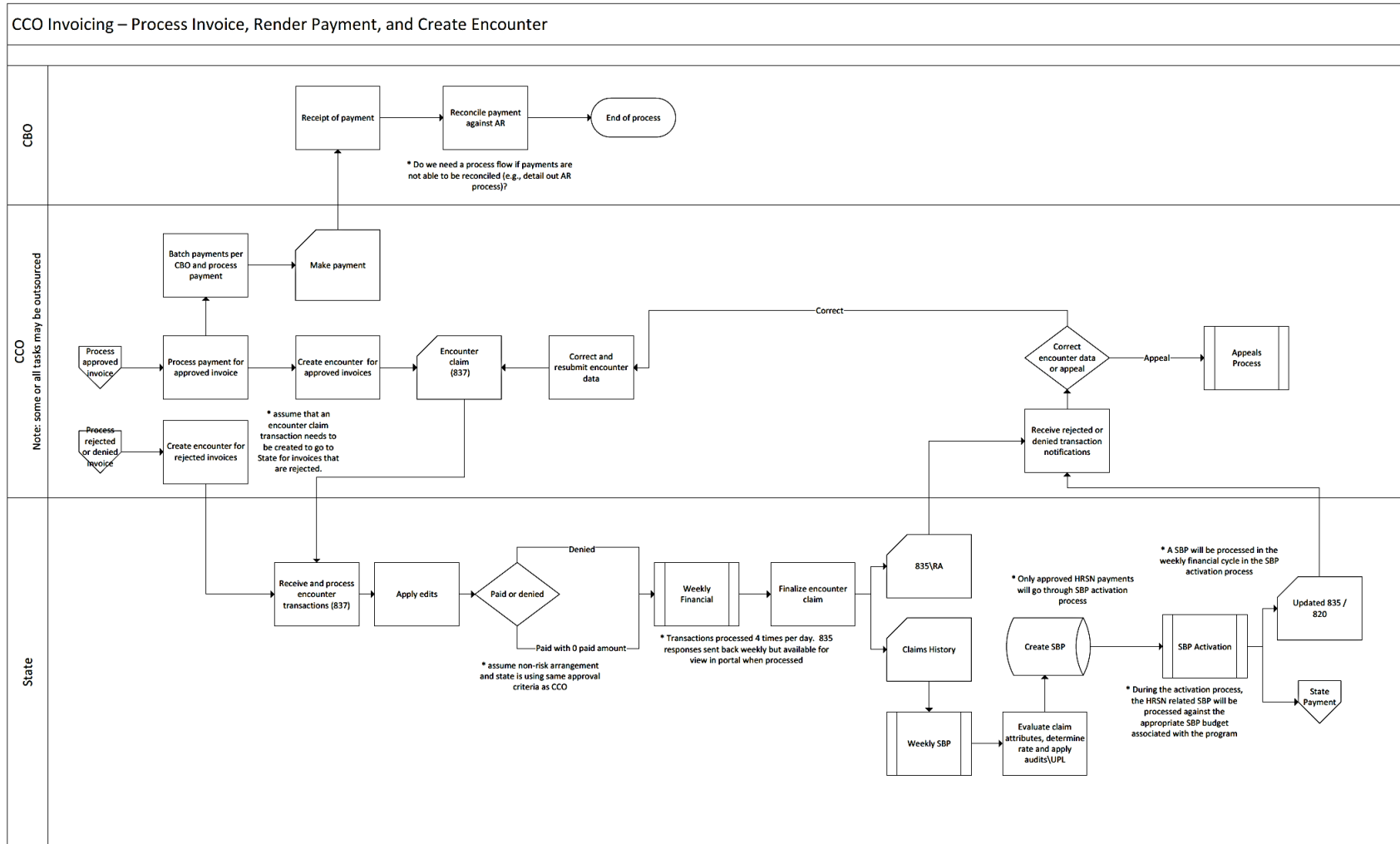
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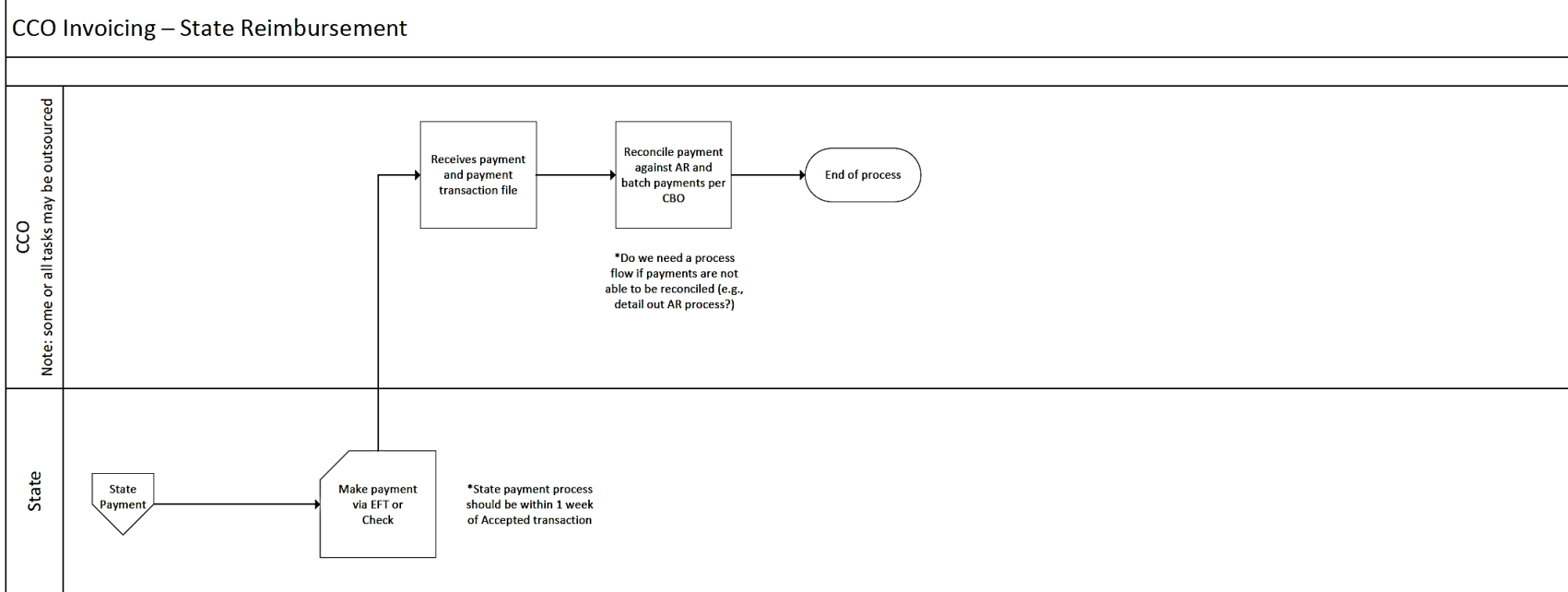
## **Attachments**

- A. Lists of HRSN Service Providers
- B. Additional Information & Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

## Appendix E: Automatic Payment Process







## Appendix F: HRSN Payment Responsibility

Plan Type	HRSN	Physical Health	Behavioral Health	Dental
CCO-A	CCO	CCO	CCO	CCO
CCO-B	CCO	CCO	CCO	FFS OHA
CCO-E	FFS OHA	FFS OHA	CCO	FFS OHA
CCO-F	FFS OHA	FFS OHA	FFS OHA	CCO
CCO-G	FFS OHA	FFS OHA	CCO	CCO
None	FFS OHA	FFS OHA	FFS OHA	FFS OHA

