



School Medicaid Advisory Committee

Date of Meeting: November 3, 2025

Time 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Join Meeting: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/16115610142?omn=1607740356>

Members:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Allison Sibernagel	<input type="checkbox"/> x Joe Leykam	<input type="checkbox"/> x Kimberly Long	<input type="checkbox"/> x Ruby McConnell
<input type="checkbox"/> x Ashleigh Walters	<input type="checkbox"/> x Katie O'Day	<input type="checkbox"/> x Landon Braden	<input type="checkbox"/> x Sarah Foster
<input type="checkbox"/> Chris Morre	<input type="checkbox"/> x Karen Benson	<input type="checkbox"/> x Leanne Mixa Bettin	x Stacy Michaelson
<input type="checkbox"/> x Cynthia Branger Munoz	<input type="checkbox"/> Kelle Hildebrandt	<input type="checkbox"/> x Lisa Ledson	<input type="checkbox"/> x Wendy Niskanen
<input type="checkbox"/> x Elsa Flores	<input type="checkbox"/> x Kelly Coates	<input type="checkbox"/> x Morgan Allen	<input type="checkbox"/> x Willis Homann
<input type="checkbox"/> x Eryn Womack	<input type="checkbox"/> x Kim Giansante		

Also Present:			
<input type="checkbox"/> x Courtney Sevey	<input type="checkbox"/> x Jeremy Ford	<input type="checkbox"/> x Lasa Baxter	<input type="checkbox"/> x Molly Haynes
<input type="checkbox"/> x Fran Pearson	<input type="checkbox"/> Jessie Eagan	<input type="checkbox"/> x Lisa Eisenberg	<input type="checkbox"/> x Shelby Parks
<input type="checkbox"/> x Jennifer Dundon	<input type="checkbox"/> Judy Weaver	<input type="checkbox"/> x Liza Morris	X Rusha Grinstead
<input type="checkbox"/> x Jennifer Smith	<input type="checkbox"/> Kati Moseley	<input type="checkbox"/> x Malachy McCormick	

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Welcome and Housekeeping (10 minutes) - Rusha Grinstead <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and Opening Remarks Icebreaker – Favorite holiday tradition? New SMAC members 	<p>Rusha Grinstead shared the welcoming and housekeeping.</p> <p>Cynthia Branger Munoz shared that February 2nd is the first day of session and members might not be able to make the meeting. Meeting changed to January 26, 2026.</p>
Year in Review: 2025 Engagement and Outreach (20 minutes) - OHA and WestEd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Webinar Series and Office Hours ORMED Pilot Regional Learning Cohorts Monthly Medicaid Discussions Updated OARs New Provider Guide 	<p>Rusha Grinstead and Lasa Baxter provided a report out on engagement and outreach that has occurred this past year.</p> <p>The Regional Learning Cohorts (RLC) are opportunities to gain understanding about SBHS Medicaid with state experts and education agencies in different regions of Oregon. The intent is to launch or expand Medicaid direct billing programs, support small and rural school districts by connecting them with Education Service District supports, and create sustainable programs and systems.</p> <p>The following Webinars were held during 2025 to support the RLCs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 17th: Funding School Health Through Medicaid: An introduction to Oregon's Direct Service Program

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 12th: Decoding School Medicaid: Procedure Codes, Diagnosis Codes and Modifiers • September 15th: Changes to Medicaid School Based Health Services: 2025 Oregon Administrative Rule Updates • November 17th: School Medicaid Cost-Based Rates: Best Practices and Key Considerations for Setting Rates for Covered Services <p>All past webinar recordings can be found on the School Based Health Services Website.</p> <p>Malachy McCormich shared an update on Regional Learning Cohorts. Douglas ESD is the current regional learning cohort hub.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>Joe Leykam: How are we going to scale trainings? How will we get other levels of trainings out to other school districts, and what other strategies that could be used to support school districts and ESDs?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rusha Grinstead provided information about CMS funding and providing training for the state. Does intend to scale up but have to figure out funding. <p>Leanne Mixa Bettin shared an update on the Medicaid Billing Pilot Project.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>Cynthia Branger Munoz asked what are districts needing support with.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leanne shared that staffing has been an issue they are helping pilot districts identifying individuals who can complete what task. • Leanne also shared that knowing where to start can be difficult. It takes sustained support to onboard brand new districts. <p>Katie O'Day shared in the chat that there are SBHS recognized providers (OT/PT/SLP) in the districts who may have experience with billing who can provide information to help understand Medicaid.</p>



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	<p>Jennifer Dundon shared the Cost Benefit Analysis Tool in the chat: https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/healthsafety/medicaid/schoolmedicaidcost-benefitanalysisistool.pdf</p> <p>Jennifer Smith provided a brief update on updated OAR and guidance. No questions.</p>
<p>Small Group Discussion (15 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What approaches to the 2025 engagement activities seemed to work particularly well?• What other types of activities or methods of engagement would be valuable?• What problems or challenges should the 2026 outreach and engagement plan address for EAs?	<p>Feedback from SMAC members: They would like to hear a report out and follow-up from the small group discussions. Suggested that it would be a good agenda item for next meeting.</p>

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<p>OHA Policy and Program Updates (15 minutes) - Lasa Baxter and Judy Weaver</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedure codes for TSPC-licensed practitioners • Operations and training plan for personal care services 	<p>Lasa Baxter provided an update on Policy and Program Planning. Questions:</p> <p>Stacy Michaelson asked for a high level of the framework for how the team is working on what counts as PCS under Medicaid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lasa Baxter shared that the team is working with engaging and gathering scenarios from the field <p>Lisa Ledson asked about collaboration and PCS and ODDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Smith shared that there has been engagement with all the PCS branches with OHA and ODHS and how each program runs <p>Wendy Niskanen shared that there have been discussions about the distinction between PCS and DHC but there are other things that do not fall within either category</p> <p>Joe Leykam shared that there is encouragement to look at QMHP and QMHA. There is new recommendation from the Ballmer institute and could be a pathway for higher education to train education staff.</p>
<p>Policy Discussion: Board Registered Associates (20 minutes) - Rusha Grinstead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review background materials • Discuss impact of OHA policy consideration 	<p>Rusha Grinstead provided an update on Board Registered Associates and the potential policy change which would require them to work in Certificate of Approval holding agencies to bill Medicaid. She is seeking information about the number of these practitioners working in schools so that they can make an argument to allow schools an exemption. Questions:</p> <p>Wendy Niskanen asked if SLP associates gaining their practice hours in schools are able to bill.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim Giansante replied that if they are doing their CFY then they can and their supervisor has to sign off. If they are doing their practicum then they cannot. <p>Joe Leykam shared that he appreciates the work being completed.</p>

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	<p>Courtney Sevey shared a link in the chat: https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/OHP/Pages/BH-Licensing.aspx</p> <p>Erny Womack asked if the policy change is effective now, or next year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rusha Grinstead said it is not effective right now. <p>Stacy Michaelson asked about the data connected with the policy and how many people are working in the schools. Asked a clarifying question on if this just about Medicaid billing or who can be employed in the school?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rusha Grinstead shared that they are looking at an exemption for the school setting and the overall policy is about Medicaid billing. <p>Leanne Mixa Bettin shared the difficulties with gathering the data.</p> <p>Joe Leykam shared the challenges with gathering data and there aren't good systems set up for it. Stacy Michaelson shared in the chat if ESDs and their connections to student service directors could help identify staff numbers.</p> <p>Katie O'Day shared in the chat that there is a reduction in mental health professionals due to budget cuts in Portland.</p> <p>Leanne Mixa Bettin asked if SMAC members could help with mapping who and where staff is employed.</p> <p>Wendy Niskanen pointed out the fact that job descriptions do not always match licensure.</p> <p>Morgan Allen asked if they were seeking to change policy or were looking to update OARs. Morgan offered to work with Stacy to try and gather the data within their networks. He noted that it would not be perfect data but it could help.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rusha Grinstead confirmed that the data will help inform rule/policy. <p>Landon Braden shared he can share rural perspective and bring data to next SMAC meeting.</p>
Closing (10 minutes) - Rusha Grinstead	

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