

Oregon's 1115 Medicaid Waiver

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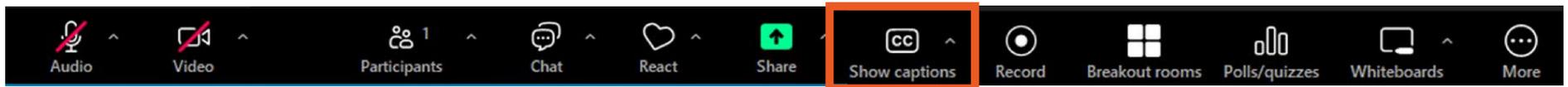
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1115 Medicaid Waiver Background



What is the Oregon Health Plan?

Medicaid

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

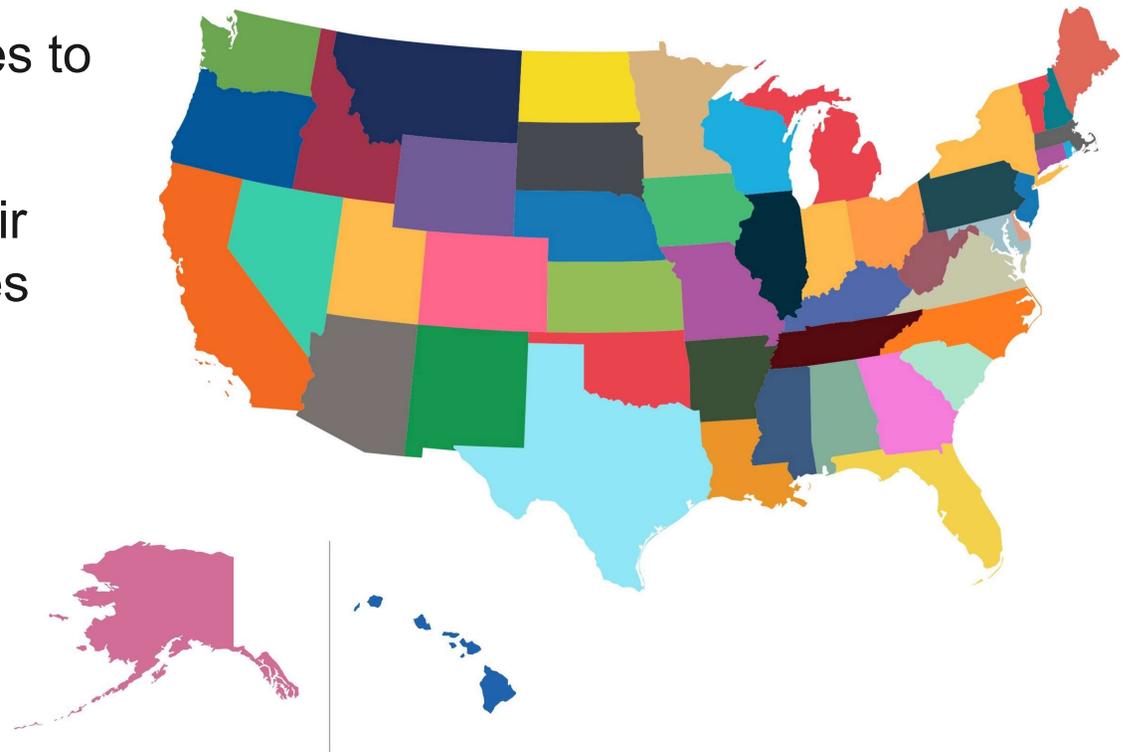
Oregon Health Plan

The Oregon Health Plan (OHP) is free health care coverage for low-income children, teens, and adults who live in Oregon. You can apply for OHP at any time during the year.



What is a Medicaid Waiver?

- States must follow federal rules to get Medicaid funding.
- States can ask **to change** their Medicaid rules. These changes are called a Medicaid waiver.



Oregon 1115 Waiver key changes



Extended Oregon Health Plan (OHP) eligibility and benefits

1) Expanded Medicaid coverage (more people enrolled for longer):

- Continuous OHP eligibility and enrollment for children up to age six*†
- Two years of continuous enrollment for OHP members ages six and older*†
- Coverage for young adults with special health care needs up to age 26*

2) Expanded Medicaid benefits and services include:

- Health-related social needs (HRSN) supports including housing, nutrition, climate supports and outreach and engagement services*
- A limited set of services for people in a carceral setting 90-days prior to release
- Tribal Traditional Healing practices
- New appeals system for OHP Open Card/FFS members (by Jan 1, 2027)
- A few currently uncovered OHP services will become covered (starting Jan 1, 2027)

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

† These benefits are in effect and began in July 2023

Reentry Health Care



Expanding Medicaid into carceral settings

Goal: increase positive health and social outcomes for individuals who are incarcerated

Current: People who are incarcerated do not have Medicaid

- Once incarcerated, people lose Medicaid access due to federal law
- When released, people have a gap in health care coverage
- Gaps in coverage decrease access to health care and increase likelihood of negative health outcomes



Future: People who are incarcerated will have limited Medicaid eligibility

- Close the coverage gap and promote continuity of coverage upon release to improve physical and behavioral health outcomes
- Reduce health equity gaps in Oregon
- Reduce social and financial costs related to recidivism* and other negative outcomes

***Recidivism** = tendency for someone who has previously had an encounter with the criminal justice system to have another encounter

Oregon's Reentry Health Care Program

Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act (FCAA)

Requires coverage of some new Medicaid services for some people who are incarcerated. Must begin no later than January 2026.

- Who it's for: **eligible people who are incarcerated and post-adjudication (sentenced)**
- **Is mandatory for all states**
- Requires Medicaid enrollment be offered 30-days before release to:
 - **Youth under age 21**
 - **Former foster care youth up to age 26**
- Includes:
 - Targeted case management
 - Medical, behavioral and dental screenings and diagnostic services

1115 Reentry Demonstration Waiver

Adds to FCAA and provides support for facilities to offer new services

- All OHP eligible youth and adults who are incarcerated can be offered Medicaid enrollment 90 days before release
- Includes select Medicaid services such as medication assisted treatment (MAT), care coordination, and medication administration
- Begins January 1, 2026
- **Eligible Carceral Facilities must opt-in to participate**
- Offers capacity building funds to prepare facilities to offer new services

Who will be impacted by Reentry Health Care?

Who will be eligible for Reentry Health Care benefits?

- Individuals in custody at a facility that offers Reentry benefits
- Eligible for OHP
- Going to be released within 90 days (*30-days pre-release for FCAA only*)

Who will provide Reentry Health Care services?

There are three main ways a carceral facility may decide to provide services:

Facility Providers

- Facility employs providers directly
- The facility providers provide Reentry services

Contracted Healthcare Providers

- Facility contracts with a healthcare vendor
- The healthcare vendor providers provide the Reentry services

Community Providers

- Facility partners with community providers
- The community providers provide the Reentry services

Eligible facility types

62 Eligible carceral facilities in Oregon
 All eligible facilities received a Baseline Readiness Assessment

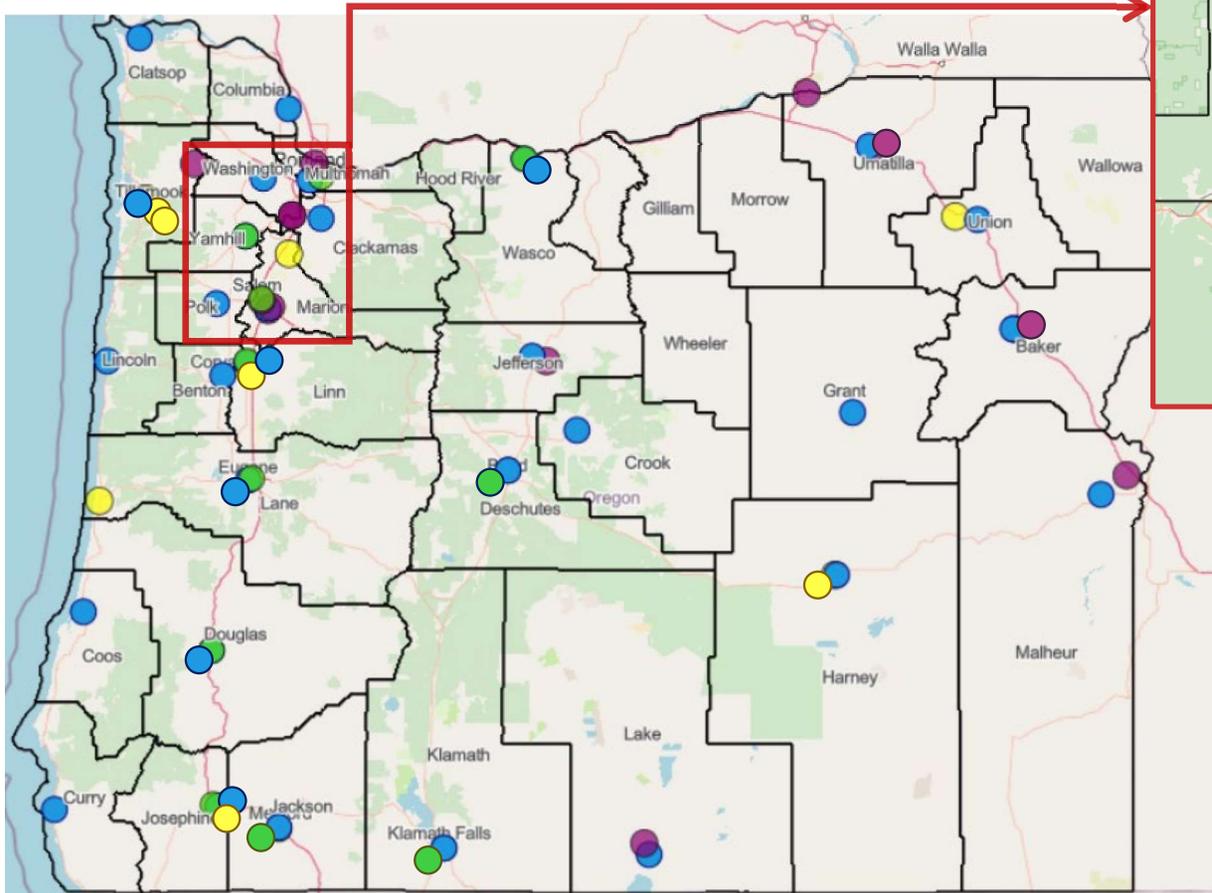
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Adult county jails*

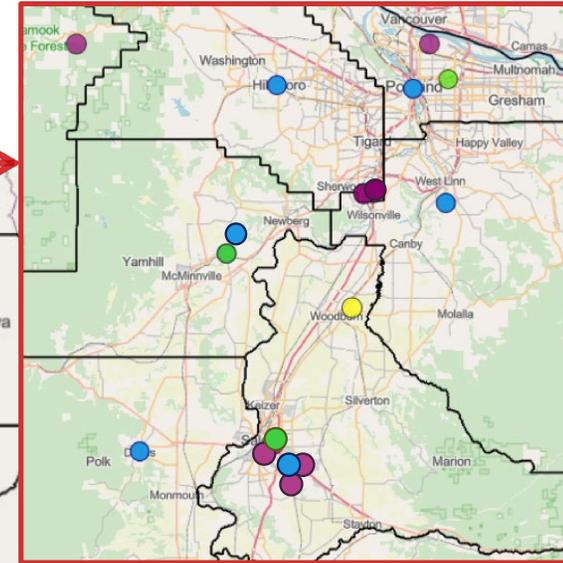
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County Youth Detention



North I-5 Corridor



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Youth Correctional Facilities (OYA)**

***Jackie Winters and Oak Creek were combined for the purpose of data collection.*

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State Prison Facilities (DOC)

Potential eligible population

Self-reported data from facilities' Baseline Readiness Assessment (Fall 2024) – data should be considered an estimate.

		Number of Facilities	Average Length of Stay	Average Number of Releases to Community	% of Total Monthly Releases Statewide
Stays typically <90 days	Adult County Jails	30* facilities	17 days	9,142 individuals	95%
	County Youth Detention	11 facilities	13 days	136 individuals	1.4%
Stays typically >90 days	Youth Correctional (OYA)	8** facilities	1 year	20 individuals	0.2%
	Department of Corrections (DOC)	13 facilities	2.5 years	335 individuals	3.5%

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**Jackie Winters and Oak Creek were combined for the purpose of data collection because they share the same location.

Reentry Health Care member experience

Some individuals may not be in custody long enough to receive services or have an unknown release date (for example, 48 hours or less). These scenarios are referenced as short-term stays.

How Does Short Term Stays Impact Those Individuals' Experiences?

Individuals in short-term stay facilities (county facilities) will be more likely to use less than the full 90-days of benefits.

Individuals at long-term stay facilities (OYA and DOC) will be more likely to receive a full 90-days of benefits.



The Reentry Health Care Program has developed a model to keep expected services timelines and responsibilities clear for a short-term stay.

- As of Feb 2025, about 92% of OHP members were enrolled in a CCO.¹
- Reentry Health Care services are billed to Open Card, and continued care coordination under the benefit allows members to stay connected to their CCO while on the Reentry benefit.

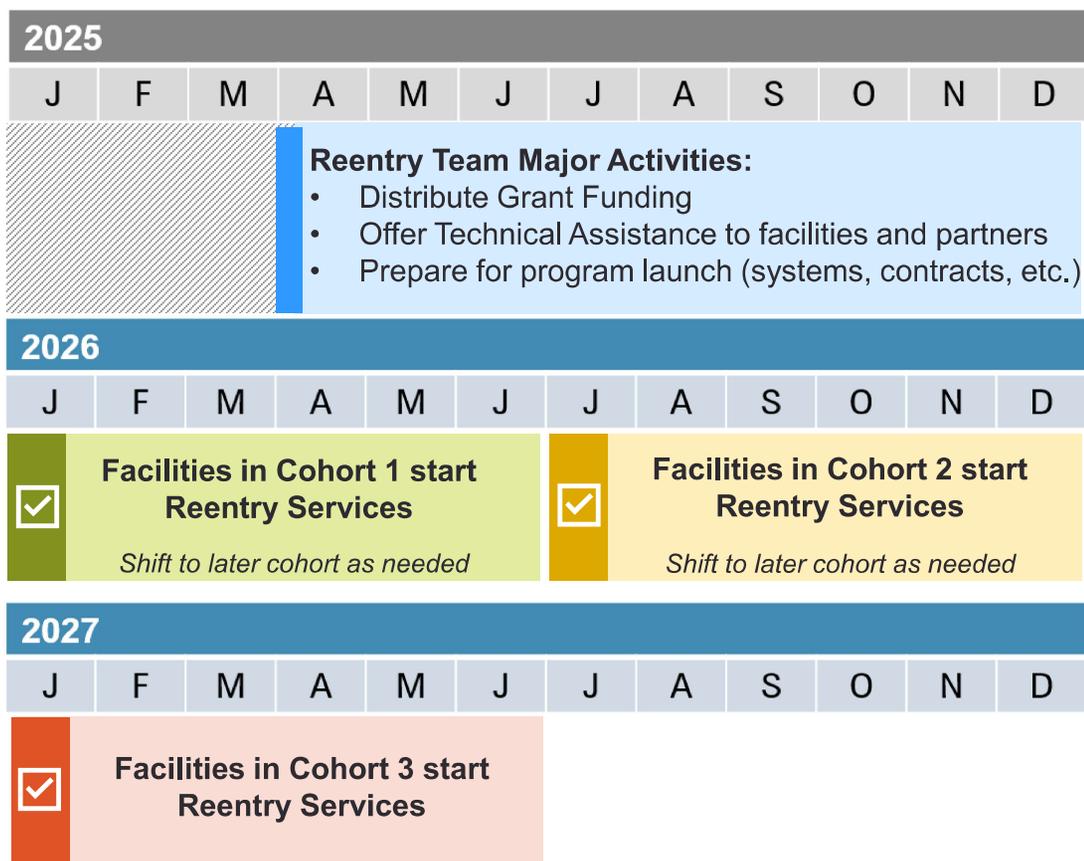
1. *Oregon's Monthly Medicaid Enrollment Dashboard (2024)*. Interactive display accessed [3/7/2025]. Salem, OR: Oregon Health Authority. <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/ANALYTICS/Pages/Medicaid-Data-Dashboards.aspx>

Reentry Health Care timeline

- We are planning for **3** cohorts and start dates:

Cohort 1	Cohort 2	Cohort 3
1/1/26	7/1/26	1/1/27

- We are working with facilities to determine which start date works best.
 - These are target dates and facilities may also start on a **rolling basis**, depending on their needs.



Additional Reentry Health Care benefit resources

- Where can I find more info?
 - For general information on Reentry Health Care visit our external website:
<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/Medicaid-Policy/Pages/Reentry.aspx>
 - For information on Reentry Health Care for providers or facilities:
<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/Medicaid-Policy/Pages/Reentry-Info.aspx>
- Where can I submit questions?
 - Reentry Team email: OHPCarceralPrograms@oha.oregon.gov
Submit questions via email and our team will get back to you!

Health-Related Social Needs Services (HRSN) implementation updates



What are Health-Related Social Needs?

Health-Related Social Needs (HRSNs) are social and economic needs that affect people's ability to stay healthy and well. Eligible OHP members may get these services meant to help improve their health outcomes.

The HRSN benefit includes services such as:

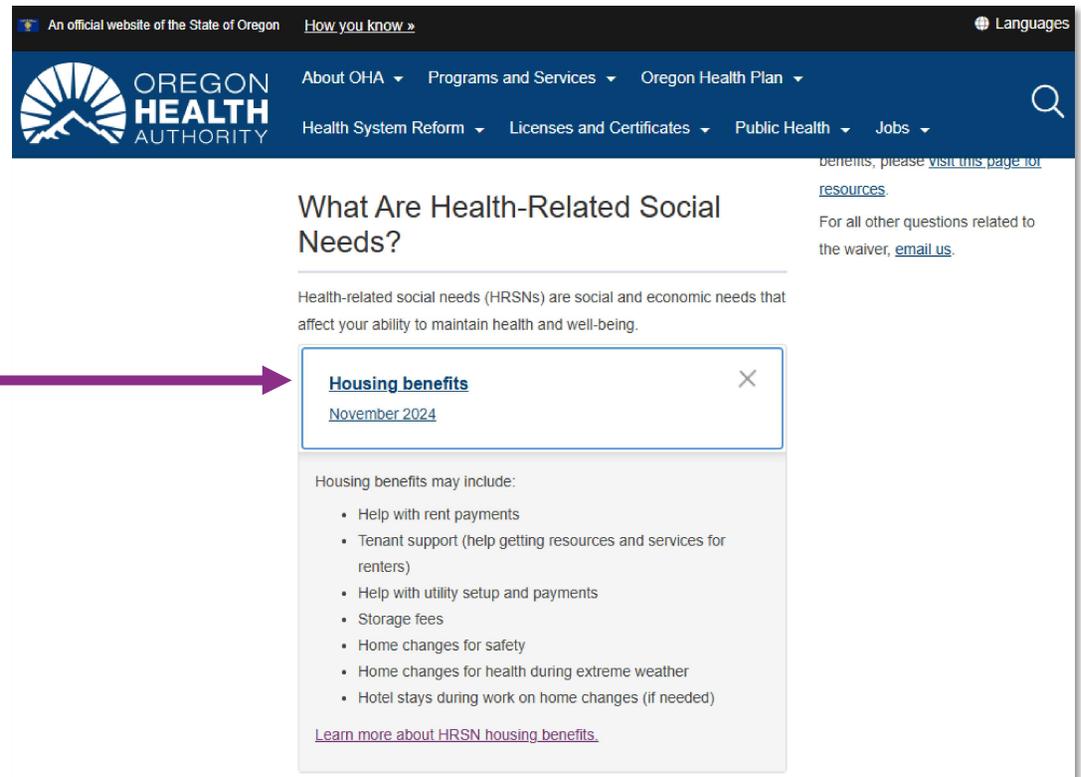
- Rental assistance and tenancy services to support continued and stable housing
- Changes to the home during extreme weather such as air conditioners
- Changes to the home for safety, such as installation of a wheelchair ramp
- Nutrition benefits to meet the nutritional needs for eligible OHP Members
- Outreach & engagement services to connect OHP Members to needed resources

HRSN Webpage Update

To align with the waiver, there have been updates to the main HRSN [web page](#).

Housing benefits include home changes for health during extreme weather.

Eligibility and services are not changing.



The screenshot shows the Oregon Health Authority website. The main navigation bar includes links for 'About OHA', 'Programs and Services', 'Oregon Health Plan', 'Health System Reform', 'Licenses and Certificates', 'Public Health', and 'Jobs'. A search icon is also present. The main content area is titled 'What Are Health-Related Social Needs?' and includes a definition of HRSNs. A new section titled 'Housing benefits' is highlighted with a purple arrow, featuring a list of benefits and a link to learn more.

What Are Health-Related Social Needs?

Health-related social needs (HRSNs) are social and economic needs that affect your ability to maintain health and well-being.

Housing benefits
November 2024

Housing benefits may include:

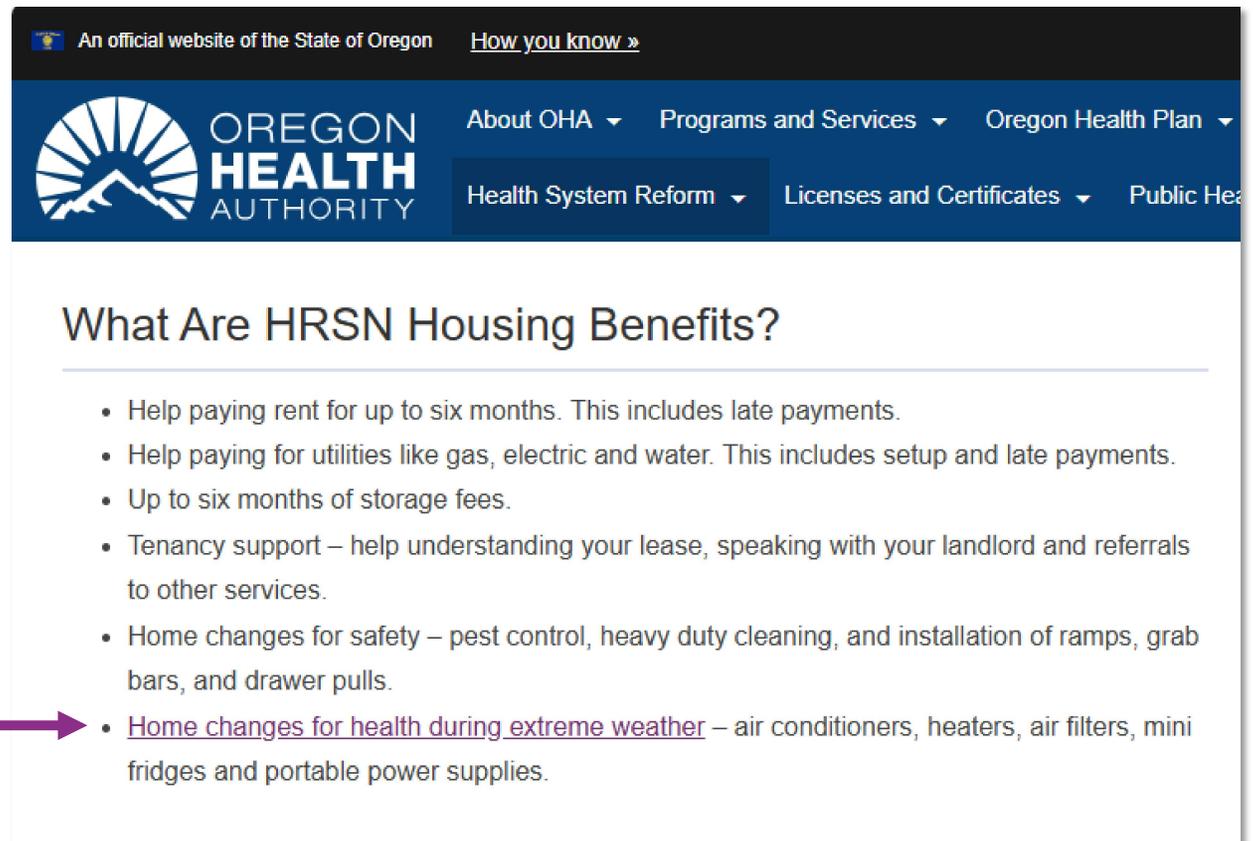
- Help with rent payments
- Tenant support (help getting resources and services for renters)
- Help with utility setup and payments
- Storage fees
- Home changes for safety
- Home changes for health during extreme weather
- Hotel stays during work on home changes (if needed)

[Learn more about HRSN housing benefits.](#)

HRSN Webpage Update: Housing

Updates to the HRSN housing [web page](#)

- This link will take you to the web page for air conditioners, air filters and other home changes for health devices



An official website of the State of Oregon [How you know »](#)

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What Are HRSN Housing Benefits?

- Help paying rent for up to six months. This includes late payments.
- Help paying for utilities like gas, electric and water. This includes setup and late payments.
- Up to six months of storage fees.
- Tenancy support – help understanding your lease, speaking with your landlord and referrals to other services.
- Home changes for safety – pest control, heavy duty cleaning, and installation of ramps, grab bars, and drawer pulls.
- [Home changes for health during extreme weather](#) – air conditioners, heaters, air filters, mini fridges and portable power supplies.

HRSN Webpage Update: Home Changes for Health

HRSN home changes for health [web page](#)

- Note: The website address is the same as before. Any materials or links that directed providers or members to the original page should still work.

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Where we are

Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) services available now



2026-2027

Seeking to launch more benefits and make programmatic improvements (example: Fruit and Vegetable benefit). Currently evaluating programs and considering updates and timelines. More details to come.

HRSN Housing Benefits: home changes for health

Goal: The goal of home changes for health is to help keep people safe during extreme weather and wildfire smoke.

What:

- Air conditioners, heaters, and air filters to provide clean air and healthy temperatures
- Mini fridges to keep medication and/or breast milk cold during a power outage
- Portable power supplies to operate medical devices like ventilators during a power outage

Where are we now: Preparing for second summer season.





Number of devices distributed to OHP members by month



Over the summer, distribution of devices increased substantially, with a 52% rise from June to July.

Early, proactive member screening could help with seasonal request increases.

HRSN Housing Benefits: Rent, utilities, and changes to the home for safety

Goal: Help people to stay in their current housing and prevent homelessness.

What:

- Rent for up to six months, including past due amounts
 - Utility costs for up to six months, including past due amounts
 - Storage fees
- Housing tenancy sustaining services
- Changes to the home for safety reasons, such as wheelchair ramps, grab bar installation, and pest control supports

Where are we now: Housing benefits went live November 2024. We are starting to see early results from the program.



"I'm very grateful for this assistance because it has given me the ability to remain in my home as I work to rebuild our stability and has allowed me to put my primary focus on the health and wellbeing of my children and myself as we navigate this difficult time."

--YCCO Member

793 members were authorized for at least one housing service.



*Members may belong to more than one covered population.

Data on member race, ethnicity, language and disability is not yet available.

Community Capacity Building Funds 2025 grant program



What are Community Capacity Building Funds?



HRSN Community Capacity Building Funds (CCBF) are funds to support organizations (community-based organizations, social service agencies and others) to become [HRSN Providers](#). HRSN CCBF funds are managed through coordinated care organizations (CCOs).



These funds support organizations that intend to become HRSN providers to develop what they need to deliver HRSN services to eligible OHP members. Funds are also available to entities who will support the provision of, but not directly provide, HRSN services (for example: ‘hub’ or ‘convener’ entities).



CCOs administer the HRSN CCBF Grant Program—including by reviewing applications and awarding funding. **Applications can be submitted between April 1 – May 30, 2025.** More information is available on [OHA's CCBF web page](#).

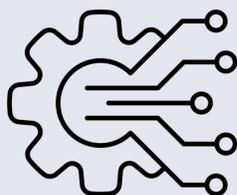
Eligible entities for Community Capacity Building Funds

The following entities are eligible to apply for and receive HRSN CCBF (examples are not exhaustive)*:

- Community-based organizations (for example: housing agencies and food and nutrition providers)
- Organizations that provide (or intend to provide) or coordinate HRSN benefits (for example: case management providers or local governmental agencies)
- Organizations that will support the development of the HRSN network (for example: an entity that provides administrative, billing, training supports or other supports)

*For more information on eligible entities for CCBF, please see the HRSN Infrastructure Protocol [here](#)

Community Capacity Building Funds: allowable uses*



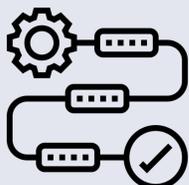
Technology

example: new billing systems



Workforce Development

example: staff salary up to 18 months and trainings



Development of Business Practices

example: designing new workflows



Outreach and Education

example: launching a new learning collaborative

*The allowable uses for CCBF are detailed in the [HRSN Protocol](#) & CCBF application and approved by Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Key dates for 2025 HRSN CCBF Grant Program

2025



Learn how to become an HRSN provider on [OHA's HRSN Provider web page](#)



CCO 2025 CCBF websites go live: **March 3**



Go to the CCO CCBF website for the region you are applying to. Those are listed on [OHA's CCBF web page](#)



Applications open: **April 1 - May 30**



Submit Application and Budget to the CCOs: **By May 30**



Notices to grantees: **September**



Grantees will get funds: **September - October**

Important CCBF resources

[OHAs CCBF Webpage](#)

2025 CCBF Application and Budget Templates

2025 key dates for applicants

Frequently Asked Questions

OHA's CCBF specific email address: CCBF.info@oha.oregon.gov

[CCO Contacts for CCBF Grant Program](#)

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Oregon Health Plan Benefit Update Project updates



Oregon Health Plan (OHP) - Benefit Update Project (BUP) most important take-aways

- A project to change how OHP benefits are organized so that OHP covers all the services that federal law says are **mandatory** and that Oregon says are **medically necessary**.
- This change is mostly administrative rather than a change to **how** OHP services are delivered.
- No members will lose services as a result of this transition.
- Some services not covered today will be added to the benefit package.



Which services will be added to the Oregon Health Plan?

- As part of the Benefit Update Project, Oregon is reviewing some services that are not currently included in OHP.
- Oregon's Health Evidence Review Commission (HERC) is determining which services are medically necessary through its public processes.
- HERC will recommend which new services should be covered by OHP.
- We expect:
 - A small increase in behavioral health benefits.
 - Some new physical health or medical and surgical benefits.
 - No changes to dental benefits.
- The fee-for-service (FFS) Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee is also looking at some medical conditions that are not covered to see if drug coverage should be changed after January 1, 2027.

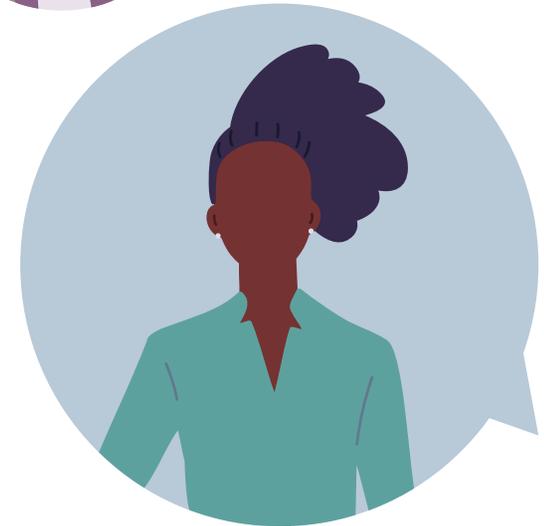
How can you get involved?

- Request to have coverage for specific benefits reviewed by HERC. Email suggestions to: 1115Waiver.Renewal@odhsoha.oregon.gov
- Participate in HERC public meetings to review services
 - HERC [Website](#)
 - [How to participate in the HERC](#)
 - HERC [work plan to review services for BUP](#)
- Review the Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee work plan for reviewing drug coverage
 - P&T [work plan to review drug coverage for BUP](#)
 - [P&T website](#) with meeting information
- Visit our [BUP webpage](#) for more information and resources
 - BUP [Factsheet](#)
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Question & Answer



What questions do you have?



Upcoming 2025 Sessions

Topics TBD

Dates:

★ July 9

★ October 8



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