



Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC)

Application Process & Membership Expectations (Summer 2026)

OHA is currently recruiting for **six open positions** on the BAC. All positions would start in September 2026. Please see below for details about BAC membership and the application process.

What is the Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC)?

The BAC is a group where people with Medicaid can share their thoughts and ideas with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). It gives advice to the Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) and to OHA about how to improve the Medicaid program in Oregon.

What is Medicaid?

Medicaid is a health care program paid for by the state and federal government. In Oregon, it's called the Oregon Health Plan (OHP). Most people get OHP through a Coordinated Care Organization (CCO). Some people get care from the "open card" or "fee-for-service system," where providers are paid directly by OHP.

Why was the BAC created?

In 2024, a new rule from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) said each state must have a BAC. The rule says:

- The BAC must include Medicaid members, family members, and caregivers
- At least 25% of MAC members must come from the BAC
- Information about the BAC (like meeting times, agendas, and who is on the council) must be shared with the public
- Staff must support the BAC
- The state must share a report every year about what the BAC and MAC have done

Who can join the BAC?

You can apply to join the BAC if you are:

- A current or past Medicaid member (including OHP, Healthier Oregon, fee-for-service, or long-term supports)
- A family member of a Medicaid member
- A caregiver for a Medicaid member



What do BAC members do?

As a BAC member, you will:

- Share your ideas and experiences to help improve Medicaid
- Go to meetings (online or in person, usually from noon-1:30 p.m., eight times/year)
- Serve a 3-year term
- Help make changes to things like:
 - Services offered by Medicaid
 - How care is managed
 - How good the services are
 - How people apply for and keep their coverage
 - How OHA and CCOs talk with members and providers
 - Fairness in health care, including language access and bias
- Help staff write reports with your feedback

What support will you get?

OHA staff will:

- Give you the information you need in a way that's easy to understand
- Answer your questions
- Provide interpreters or other support if you need it
- Pay you for your time (if you qualify)

Who qualifies for payment?

If you are not a full-time public employee and your income last year was less than \$50,000 (or less than \$100,000 for a couple filing together), you may be paid **\$178 per day** for your BAC work.

How to apply

To apply for the BAC, [click here](#). Please apply by **August 14**.

The OHA Director will review all applications.

You will find out if you were selected by **September 8**.

Questions?

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