



Oregon's 1115 Medicaid Waiver Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Services

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Oregon's 1115 Medicaid Waiver

- The State applies to renew its waiver with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) every five years. CMS can accept or reject proposals.
- Oregon's most recent 1115 Waiver was approved for October 2022 – September 2027.
 - It includes **health related social needs (HRSN)** services available as a covered benefit in OHP.
- Some waiver requests are still pending negotiation.

Oregon's 1115 Waiver Goals



GOALS

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



Healthier Oregon OHP members are included in 1115 waiver benefits!

What are Health-Related Social Needs?



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



Oregon's HRSN services:

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

HRSN-Specific Funding Components

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

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



**Housing
Supports**



**Nutrition
Supports**



**Climate
Supports**



**Outreach &
Engagement**

HRSN Services & Eligibility



Who can receive HRSN services?

Transition populations may include:

- Individuals who are houseless or at risk of becoming houseless
- Adults and youth discharged from residential and acute care mental health and substance use programs
- Adults and youth released from incarceration
- Youth involved in the child welfare system
- Individuals transitioning from Medicaid-only to dual Medicaid and Medicare coverage
- Individuals with a high-risk clinical need in a region experiencing extreme weather
- Young adults, ages 19-26, with Special Healthcare Needs (YSHCN) (*phased in*)

Member Eligibility



To qualify for a HRSN service, an individual must:

- Meet the eligibility criteria for **one or more of the covered populations**
- Meet **clinical and social risk criteria** for service to be medically necessary *



Important Note

- To be eligible, individuals cannot be receiving the same service through state-, local-, or federally-funded programs.
- There may be additional eligibility criteria for specific HRSN services.

* **Please note:** Specifics for clinical and social risk factor criteria are pending federal approval

Clinical and Social Risk Factor Criteria



Clinical risk factors: Individuals must be experiencing at least one of the following:

- Pregnant/Postpartum
- Children less than 6 years of age
- Adults 65 years or older
- Needs Assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs), instrumental activities of daily living (iADLs), or eligible for long-term services and supports (LTSS)
- Complex Behavioral Health Need
- Complex Physical Health Need
- Young adult with Special Health Care Needs (YSHCN)
- Developmental Disability
- Repeated Emergency Department Use and Crisis Encounters
- Interpersonal Violence Experience



Social risk factor: Individuals must have at least one need related to housing, nutrition, or climate.

What's included in HRSN covered services?

Housing Supports

For all eligible populations:

1. Housing transition, navigation, and tenancy support services
2. One-time transition and moving costs, including housing deposits and furnishings
3. Medically necessary home accessibility modifications

For specific populations (those aging out of Child Welfare, people who meet federal homeless or at-risk definitions, those leaving mental health and substance use disorder residential settings, released from incarceration):

1. Rent/temporary housing and utility costs for up to 6 months

Important note: All services must not duplicate local, state, or federally funded service the individual is already receiving.

What's included in HRSN covered services?

Nutrition Supports

1. Nutrition education
2. Medically-tailored meals for 6 months
3. Meals or pantry stocking for pregnant individuals, children and youth under 21, and young adults 19 - 26 years old with special health care needs (YSHCN) for 6 months
4. Fruit and vegetable prescriptions for up to 6 months

Important note: All services must not duplicate local, state, or federally funded service the individual is already receiving.

What's included in HRSN covered services?

Climate Supports

Medically necessary air conditioners, heaters, air filtration devices, portable power supplies (PPSs), and refrigerators

Outreach & Engagement

Outreach for access to HRSN services and linkage to other Medicaid and non-Medicaid benefits

Important note: All services must not duplicate local, state, or federally funded service the individual is already receiving.

HRSN Service Implementation



HRSN Service Implementation Goals



GOALS

- Reduce health inequities across the state
- Align with partners' existing structures and Governor Kotek's housing and behavioral health priorities
- Support Tribes' design and delivery of services for tribal communities
- Strengthen community networks and collaboration among social service sector, healthcare, and CCO/FFS to ameliorate social determinants of health

Proposed Implementation Timeline

HRSN services will start in phases beginning 2024

○ **2023**

Implementation planning begins

2024

○

January: Climate benefit goes live

November: Housing services available for individuals who are **at-risk of homelessness**

○ **2025**

Nutrition benefit goes live

To Be Determined:

All housing services for remaining eligible populations, including those experiencing homelessness.

Community Capacity Building Funding



Community Capacity Building

Funding Opportunity

What is Community Capacity Building Funding?

- Oregon is allowed to spend up to \$119 million in community capacity building funding to support HRSN providers and partners abilities to deliver HRSN services.
- HRSN providers and other key partners, including Tribal Governments are eligible to receive these funds.

Capacity Building Funding Uses

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

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

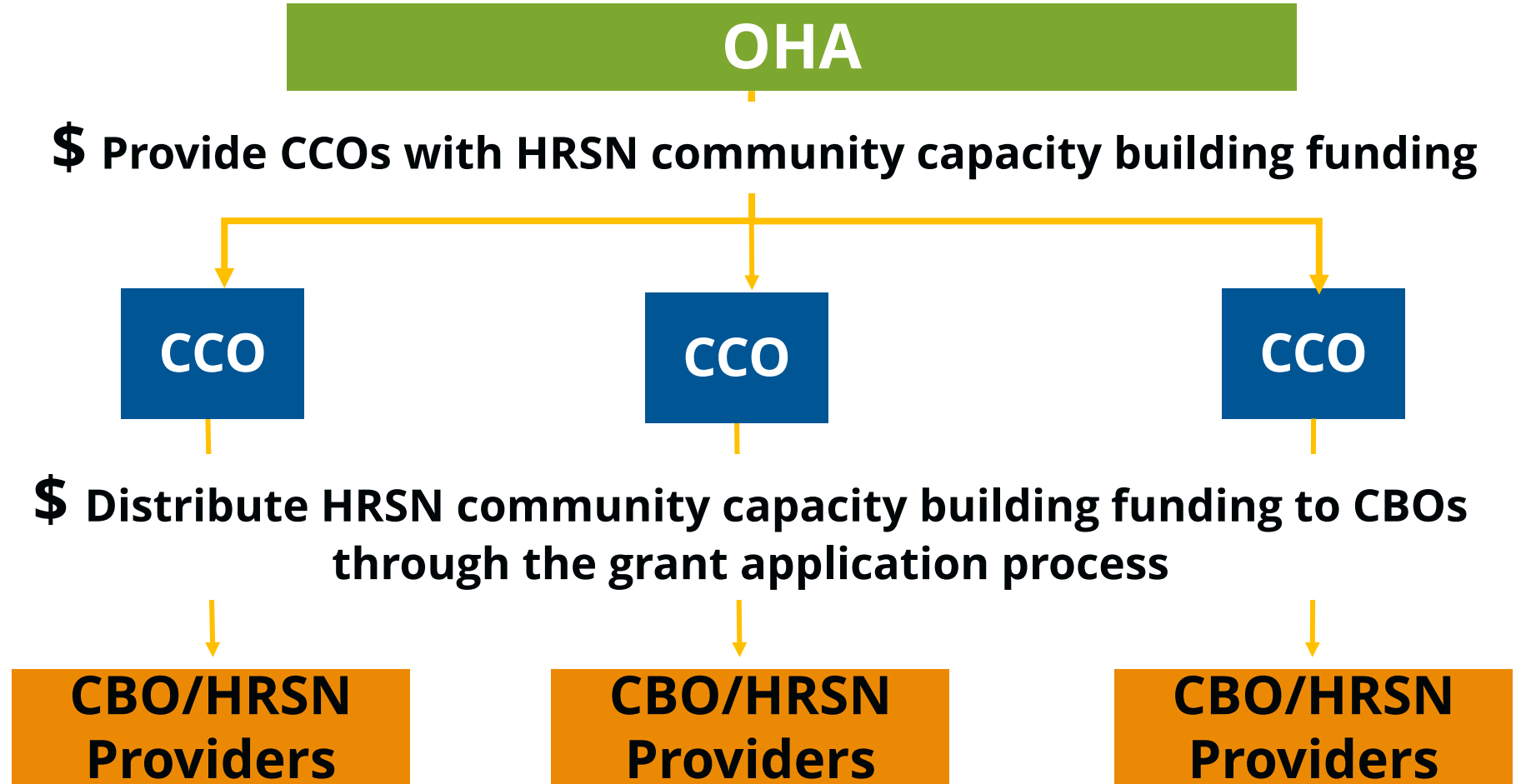
OHA plans to collaborate with coordinated care organizations (CCOs) to distribute the majority of capacity building funds to HRSN providers, including community-based organizations, social services organizations, and others.*

*Tribal Governments will use a separate process

Capacity Building Grant Funding

Proposed Process

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Funding Application and Disbursement



Tentative Implementation Timeline (subject to change): Winter/Spring 2024 for application to go live

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

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

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

Who is Eligible for Community HRSN Capacity Building Funding?

The following entities may be eligible to apply for and receive community HRSN capacity building funding. Providers of HRSN services, include:

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

Allowable Use Categories

Allowable Use Category	Sample Uses
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Procuring IT infrastructure/data platforms (e.g., for referrals, billing, program oversight, other)• Modifying or integrating existing and new systems (e.g., community information exchange) to support HRSN• Onboarding to new, modified or existing systems• Training for use of new, modified or existing systems
Development of business or operational practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of policies/procedures (e.g., related to HRSN referral/service delivery workflow, program oversight, other)• Training/technical assistance on HRSN program and roles/responsibilities• Administrative or overhead costs or office furnishings (e.g., office supplies) necessary to perform HRSN duties and/or expand HRSN service delivery capacity

Allowable Use Categories (cont'd)

Allowable Use Category	Sample Uses
Workforce development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of hiring and training new staff • Salary and fringe benefits for staff that will have a direct role in HRSN responsibilities, time limited to 18 months • Privacy/confidentiality training/TA related to HRSN service delivery
Outreach, education and convening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production of materials necessary for marketing, outreach, training, including translations • Planning for and facilitation of community-based outreach events to support awareness of HRSN services and partner convenings • Community engagement activities necessary to support HRSN program implementation and launch • Administrative or overhead costs associated with outreach, education or convening

Goals for Community Capacity Building Funding

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

OHA will:



Reserve HRSN capacity building funding for Tribes and Tribal providers



Engage partners with HRSN capacity building funding program design



Design a simple and straightforward application process for eligible providers to access funding



Promote funding opportunities to HRSN providers that do not historically participate in funding relationships in Medicaid



Ensure HRSN capacity building funding is spread across the state

Q&A

What else would your organization like to **learn about the 1115 Waiver HRSN service implementation** to feel set up for success?

How would your organization like to **continue participating?**



Thank you for your collaboration and ongoing partnership!

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