

Eligible Committee Member Definitions

The Oregon Health Policy Board is committed to making health care more affordable for everyone in Oregon. To deliver on this promise, OHPB is launching a [Committee on Health Care Affordability](#) and an [Industry Advisory Committee](#).

This document provides more detailed descriptions of the perspectives and representation on each committee that OHPB is looking for.

Committee on Health Care Affordability

The Oregon Health Policy Board seeks **nine members** for the Affordability Committee, representing the following perspectives:

- **Health Care Consumers** – Individuals who directly experience the health care system, including patients, caregivers, and family members navigating health care affordability challenges. This includes people who have used health services in the past or who could potentially use services in the future.
- **Patient Advocates** – Individuals working independently or with advocacy organizations to improve health care policies and patient outcomes. A patient advocate takes part in policy making or decision making on behalf of health care consumers.
- **Health Care Purchasers** – Employers, business coalitions, labor organizations, consumer groups and government agencies that arrange or negotiate health coverage on behalf of a group of people.¹

¹ Note that health care organizations such as hospitals, medical groups, or health insurance plans that provide or purchase health care coverage for their employees should apply for the Industry Advisory Committee.

- **Health Economist Experts** – Professionals with deep knowledge of economic theories and methods who analyze health care costs and spending trends using economic theories and research.
- **Health Policy Experts** – Professionals with deep knowledge of the health care system and experience in research, academia, consulting, policy groups, or community organizations focused on health care and government.

Industry Advisory Committee

The Oregon Health Policy Board seeks **up to 20 members** for the Industry Advisory Committee, ensuring a diverse and comprehensive representation of the health care landscape in Oregon.

Health Plans

- **Commercial Health Plan** – Organizations offering individual, group, or self-insured health insurance in Oregon.
- **Medicare Advantage Health Plan** – Organizations providing Medicare Advantage coverage in Oregon.
- **Medicaid Coordinated Care Organization (CCO)** – Organizations contracted with the Oregon Health Authority to provide health insurance for Medicaid members.

Health Care Providers

- **Large Medical Group** – Health care organizations serving more than 20,000 patients in Oregon.
- **Small Provider Group** – Health care organizations providing care to fewer than 10,000 patients in Oregon.
- **Independent Provider** – Providers who own and manage their own practice.
- **Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)** – Community health centers offering primary and preventive care to underserved populations. Includes FQHC “lookalikes.”

Hospitals & Health Systems

- **Hospital System** – Large hospital networks managing multiple care facilities.
- **Rural Hospital** – Smaller hospitals providing essential services in rural communities.

Frontline Clinicians

- **Primary Care Provider** – Physicians, nurse practitioners, or physician assistants offering comprehensive patient-centered care.
- **Behavioral Health Provider** – Mental health and substance use disorder specialists.
- **Oral Health Provider** – Dentists and other dental professionals.
- **Pediatric Provider** – Health professionals specializing in children's health care.

Insurance & Care Coordination

- **Fully Integrated Delivery System** – Organizations that provide both health insurance and direct health care services.
- **Insurance Broker** – Professionals or firms helping individuals and businesses find and select health insurance coverage.

Community & Tribal Health Representatives

- **Professional Association** – Organizations representing health care professionals and health care industry sectors.
- **Tribal Health Representative** – An individual who is a member of, or who represents, a Federally Recognized Tribe in Oregon. The Tribal Health Representative will be identified by the Tribes.
- **Traditional Health Worker** – Trusted individuals from local communities who provide person and community-centered care by bridging communities and the health systems that serve them.