



April 20, 2023

Re: Official Notice of Designation of Cost Growth Target Program Mandatory Reporter Status – ACTION REQUIRED

Your organization has been identified by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) as a mandatory reporter to the [Sustainable Health Care Cost Growth Target Program](#) for data submission in 2023. Mandatory reporters are payers and licensed third-party administrators with at least 1,000 covered lives in Oregon across all required lines of business (commercial, Medicare, and Medicaid).¹

The latest health insurance enrollment data from the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation and the Oregon Health Authority indicates that your organization meets the description of a data reporter and is subject to Oregon's Cost Growth Target Program reporting requirements in 2023 (see attachment 2023 Cost Growth Target Payer List).

If your organization received a waiver for Cost Growth Target Program reporting requirements for the 2022 data submission, please contact us at HealthCare.CostTarget@oha.oregon.gov in the next 30 days to confirm your status for 2023.

Established by Senate Bill 889 (2019), the Cost Growth Target Program sets a target for the annual per capita rate of growth for total health care spending in Oregon. OHA administers the program as specified by Oregon Revised Statutes 442.385, 442.386 and Oregon Administrative Rule 409-065. The program uses annual data submissions from data reporters to monitor and report on health care spending in the state. More information about the [program](#) and additional guidance for [data reporters](#) is available online.

The 2023 data submission for the Cost Growth Target Program must include data from January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022 and must be submitted to the Oregon Health Authority by **September 1, 2023**.

Data reporters must submit data for all required lines of business (commercial, Medicare, Medicaid) and may voluntarily submit data for self-insured plans subject to ERISA. Other lines of business are excluded and should not be reported (e.g., disability, supplemental, stop-loss, workers' compensation, among others).

The data submission template and specifications for data submission will be finalized May 2023. Reporters are invited to participate in the [monthly Cost Growth Target Technical Advisory Group \(TAG\)](#) where the data submission template, specifications, data submission process, and validation topics are discussed (next meeting: April 26th at 10 AM Pacific time). OHA will provide notification to all data reporters when the 2023 data submission template and specifications manual are published.

¹ If the only individually reportable line of business a payer or TPA has in Oregon is Medicare Advantage; and, if the number of Medicare Advantage covered lives in Oregon is less than 5 percent of the total Medicare Advantage market in Oregon, the payer or TPA will not be considered a mandatory reporter and will be invited to submit data as a voluntary reporter.

Mandatory reporters receiving this reporting notification should email OHA (HealthCare.CostTarget@oha.oregon.gov) an organization contact(s) name, role, telephone number, and email **by May 12, 2023**. If there are no changes from your 2022 organizational contact(s), please email to confirm so. Training will be available this summer for data reporting staff which will provide an overview of the data submission template, specifications, and data submission process, as well as available assistance to ensure a successful data submission. OHA will notify each organizational contact when the training date is known. The training webinar will also be recorded and posted online for reference.

If you believe your organization does not meet the criteria for mandatory reporter status in 2023, please contact the Cost Growth Target program in the next 30 days by email at HealthCare.CostTarget@oha.oregon.gov to discuss.

If you need more information on anything outlined in this letter, please contact the Cost Growth Target program by email at HealthCare.CostTarget@oha.oregon.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sarah E. Bartelmann", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sarah Bartelmann, MPH
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