

# Revisiting Oregon's Cost Growth Target for 2026-2030

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is launching a short-term workgroup this autumn to develop and make a recommendation to the agency on the statewide cost growth target (currently 3.4%) for the 2026-2030 measurement periods.

**Sign up to participate in the workgroup by 5 PM on Thursday, October 2, 2025.**

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## Background

In late 2019, the [Cost Growth Target Implementation Committee](#) was legislatively established (SB 889, 2019) and charged with 14 specific tasks, including establishing the methodology for what is included in cost growth target measurement, parameters for which payers and provider organizations are subject to the cost growth target, and setting the cost growth target.

In 2020, the Implementation Committee set the cost growth target for 10 years: 3.4% for 2021-2025 and 3.0% for 2026-2030. The Implementation Committee recommended convening an advisory body to revisit the cost growth target for 2026-2030 by reviewing economic trend data and recommending whether the target should remain at 3.0% or be modified.

## Cost Growth Target for 2026-2030 Workgroup

The Cost Growth Target for 2026-2030 Workgroup will have a single charge: review economic trend data and recommend what the cost growth target should be set at for 2026-2030 to OHA by December 2025.

## Scope

<b>In scope</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Determining the cost growth target for 2026-2030</li><li>• If the cost growth target should change within this period or be the same % for the whole period</li><li>• How to revisit the target in the future (for 2031-2035)</li></ul>
<b>Not in scope</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cost growth target data collection and reporting</li><li>• Other elements of the cost growth target program that are established in statute or administrative rule</li></ul>

## Meetings

The Workgroup will meet virtually about 5 times between October – December 2025; meetings will be 90 minutes. Meetings will be scheduled in early October.

All meetings will be open to the public. Meetings will be recorded and the recording posted online.

See tentative meeting topics on page 3 below.

## Participants

There is no set number of members or specific “seats” on the Cost Growth Target for 2026-2030 Workgroup. OHA will only limit participation to one representative per organization.

Anyone may apply. Participants do not need to reside in Oregon.

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## Tentative Workgroup Meeting Agendas

#1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome, overview of workgroup charge and processes</li><li>• Overview of Oregon's cost growth target program and function of the cost growth target</li><li>• Oregon's cost growth trend and payer and provider performance relative to the target to-date</li><li>• How Oregon's cost growth target was initially set (parameters, context, decisions)</li></ul>
#2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cost growth targets in other states: how they are set, recent processes to revise targets</li><li>• How to approach Oregon's target – key questions</li></ul>
#3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review economic data (historic and projected trends)</li><li>• Consider potential targets based on combinations of inputs</li></ul>
#4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue discussion of potential targets</li></ul>
#5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finalize recommendation of target</li><li>• Possible recommendation of how to revisit target in future</li></ul>