

## Health Care Market Oversight

# Samaritan Health Services and Santiam Memorial Hospital

The [Health Care Market Oversight](#) (HCMO) program reviews health care business deals to make sure they support Oregon's goals of health equity, lower costs, increased access, and better care. On November 5, 2024, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) accepted a complete notice of material change describing plans for Santiam Memorial Hospital ("Santiam") to affiliate with Samaritan Health Services ("Samaritan").

## Who's involved?

**Samaritan** is a non-profit health system that serves patients in the mid-Willamette valley and the Central Oregon Coast. Samaritan operates five hospitals located in Albany, Corvallis, Lebanon, Lincoln City, and Newport. Samaritan also operates 80 clinics providing primary and specialty care services and two health insurance plans that cover people with Medicare, Medicaid, commercial, and self-funded plans. Samaritan served nearly 228,000 patients in the past 12 months.

**Santiam** is a non-profit health system that operates Santiam Memorial Hospital. Santiam also provides outpatient primary care and specialist services. Santiam serves patients in the Santiam Canyon in Marion County and some parts of Linn County. Santiam cared for 40,730 patients in the past 12 months.

## About the deal

Samaritan and Santiam have entered into an Affiliation Agreement. Samaritan states that this transaction is needed because Santiam can no longer financially support itself as an independent hospital. Samaritan stated they will financially support Santiam and provide money for needed upgrades and expenses. Samaritan states the transaction will not affect services provided at either Santiam or Samaritan. Samaritan also states it intends to hire all or almost all of Santiam's staff.

## What's next?

OHA is reviewing this deal to understand how it could affect access to care for communities in Oregon. During the review, OHA will use health care data, news and media reports, information from the entities, and public input to decide whether the deal should be approved. After completing a review, OHA will issue a decision about whether the deal may proceed as planned.

## We want to hear from you!

Public input helps us understand how this deal could help or harm people in your community. To share your thoughts about this deal, please email [hcmo.info@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:hcmo.info@oha.oregon.gov), leave a voicemail at 503-945-6161, or [fill out the public comment form](#). In your comment, mention "Santiam", what you think, and whether you support or oppose the deal.

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