

Health Care Market Oversight

MultiCare Health System and Samaritan Health Services

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 December 26, 2025, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) accepted a complete notice of material change describing plans for MultiCare Health System ("MultiCare") to affiliate with Samaritan Health Services, Inc. ("Samaritan").

Who's involved?

MultiCare is a non-profit health system based in Tacoma, Washington. MultiCare operates 13 hospitals in Washington state, as well as more than 300 primary, urgent, pediatric, and specialty care locations. MultiCare serves over 2.1 million patients annually, of which about 5,400 are Oregon residents.

Samaritan is a non-profit health system that serves patients in the mid-Willamette Valley and Central Oregon Coast. Samaritan operates five hospitals located in Albany, Corvallis, Lebanon, Lincoln City, and Newport, as well as 80 clinics providing primary and specialty care services. Samaritan operates InterCommunity Health Network CCO, which provides Oregon Health Plan coverage for members in Linn, Benton, and Lincoln counties. Samaritan also offers commercial and self-funded insurance plans. Prior to 2026, Samaritan offered Medicare Advantage plans.

About the deal

Samaritan and MultiCare have entered into an Affiliation Agreement through which MultiCare will become the sole corporate member of Samaritan, bringing Samaritan under its control. As part of the agreement, MultiCare has committed to making a 10-year, \$700 million capital commitment to Samaritan and will also become responsible for funding Samaritan's health plan business. Samaritan says this transaction is needed to provide the financial support necessary to avoid reducing services or closing its health plans and that it will allow Samaritan to expand services.

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.

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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, leave a voicemail at 503-945-6161, or [fill out the public comment form](#). In your comment, mention “Samaritan,” what you think, and whether you support or oppose the deal.

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