

Health Care Market Oversight

Salem Health 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 April 16, 2026, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) accepted a complete notice of material change describing plans for Salem Health Hospitals & Clinics (“Salem Health”) to affiliate with Santiam Memorial Hospital, ABN Santiam Hospital & Clinics (“Santiam”).

Who’s involved?

Salem Health is a private, non-profit health system that primarily serves patients in Marion and Polk Counties. Salem Health operates two hospitals in Oregon: Salem Hospital in Salem and West Valley Hospital in Dallas. Salem Health also operates 27 clinics across Marion and Polk counties, providing primary care, urgent care, and a range of specialty services. Salem Health cares for approximately 185,000 patients annually.

Santiam is a non-profit health system that operates Santiam Memorial Hospital and provides outpatient primary care and specialist services. Santiam serves patients in the Santiam Canyon in Marion County and some parts of Linn County. Santiam cares for approximately 60,000 patients annually.

About the deal

Salem Health and Santiam have entered into an affiliation agreement whereby Santiam will become part of Salem Health’s system of hospitals and clinics. The entities state that the transaction is necessary to maintain and improve Santiam’s financial condition and meet community health needs. The entities state that the transaction will not affect geographic areas served by Santiam and have committed to maintaining or increasing existing Santiam 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.

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 “Santiam” and tell us what you think.

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