



Proposed Rule Changes for the Health Care Market Oversight Program in 2023 July 7, 2022

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) reviews business deals that involve health care companies in Oregon. These reviews help make sure that these deals will help – and not hurt – people in Oregon. Specifically, OHA looks at how the deal affects health equity, consumer costs, access to services, and quality.

OHA develops and publishes rules that describe how the program works. On **July 25 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**, the Oregon Health Authority will host a meeting to hear input about proposed rule changes to the program. The meeting will be open to the public and input from everyone is welcome. This meeting is called a Rules Advisory Committee meeting.

The Oregon Health Authority wants to hear from community members, especially about the program's definition of health care services that are essential to achieve health equity.

Below is a summary of the proposed rule changes, which would go into effect on January 1, 2023. During the meeting on July 25, the Oregon Health Authority will discuss these proposed changes and more.

- Added definitions about what health care services are essential to achieve health equity. The proposed rules include
 - services directly related to treating a chronic condition,
 - pregnancy-related services,
 - prevention services, and
 - health care system navigation and care coordination.
- New fees that businesses would pay when they propose a business deal on or after January 1, 2023.
- New section to clarify details about Community Review Boards. Much of the language in this new section was previously included in a different section of the rules.
- Added definitions to make the rules clearer. Proposed rules define business entity, hospital system, and a newly organized legal entity.
- New language about when OHA may publish information about business deals that were exempt from review due to an emergency.

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