
1115 Medicaid Waiver Summary 2022-2027

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What is Medicaid and the Oregon Health Plan?

- ✓ Medicaid is a federal program that is administered by each state
- ✓ The Oregon Health Plan (OHP) is Oregon's Medicaid Program
- ✓ Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) are local OHP health plans that cover medical, dental, and mental healthcare
- ✓ More than 1 in 4 people in Oregon get health care coverage from OHP



Free health coverage
offered by the state of Oregon

What's a waiver?

People are eligible for the Oregon Health Plan based on their income or for other reasons.

Federal rules set minimum standards related to eligibility and required benefits. But **states can ask to WAIVE some federal rules** to have more flexibility and offer the Oregon Health Plan to more people and cover more services than usually allowed.

Every five years, Oregon must renew its agreement with the federal government around the Oregon Health Plan – proposing new changes and continuing existing programs. The federal government can accept or reject these proposals.

2022-2027 1115 Medicaid Waiver

Primary Waiver Focus: *Advance Health Equity*

Our main goals:



Ensuring people can **maintain their health coverage**



Improving health outcomes by addressing social needs that impact health



Ensuring smart, flexible spending for health equity



Creating a more equitable, culturally- and linguistically-responsive health care system

What's Changing - Enrollment

- Kids stay enrolled until their 6th birthday
- People ages 6+ stay automatically stay enrolled for two years (instead of one)*

*Continuous enrollment for Oregon Health Plan adults depends on required funding approval.

What this means for OHP members

OHP members:

- Stay covered longer
- Re-enroll less often
- Less likely to lose coverage because of short-term changes in eligibility

Questions?

What's Changing – Social Needs

Oregon will provide benefits – like housing and nutrition services - to people who are going through transitions in their lives. This includes:

- Youth with special health care needs ages 19 - 26
- Youth who are child welfare involved, including leaving foster care at age 18
- People who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness
- Older adults who have both Medicaid and Medicare health insurance
- People being released from jail/corrections or the Oregon State Hospital
- People at risk of extreme weather events due to climate change

These benefits are called **health-related social needs** in the waiver. Benefits begin in 2024.

What this means for OHP members



Under the new waiver, **OHP members will get increased care and social supports in more situations.** Some of these situations include:

- Leaving Oregon State Hospital, other psychiatric residential facilities, jails, juvenile corrections, or prison.
- People who experience extreme weather events will have supports.
- Youth in foster care or who are transitioning out of foster care.
- Youth with Special Health Care Needs will get social supports as well as increased vision & dental services.
- Housing supports for people experiencing homelessness.

What's Changing – Social Needs



Housing

- Rental assistance or temporary housing for up to 6 months (such as rent payments and rent deposits)
- Utility assistance for up to 6 months
- Home modifications (such as ramps or handrails)
- Pre-tenancy and tenancy support services (such as support with rental applications or moving)
- Housing-focused navigation and/or case manager

What's Changing – Social Needs



Food

- Community-based food resources (such as application support for SNAP and WIC)
- Nutrition and cooking education
- Fruit and vegetable prescriptions (such as VeggieRx) for up to 6 months, and healthy food boxes/meals
- Medically tailored meal delivery

An emphasis will be on culturally appropriate food and services.

What's Changing – Social Needs



Climate

- Payment for devices that maintain healthy temperatures and clean air, including air conditioners, heaters, air filters
- Generators to operate medical devices like ventilators when power outages happen

What this means for OHP members

- Right now, limited supports for housing, food and climate are provided by CCOs to their CCO members only through flexible services under a program called “health-related services.”
- Under the new waiver, these social supports will be a **covered benefit in OHP**. That means everyone who qualifies for that benefit is entitled to receive it.
- OHP members who are facing certain life challenges will have social supports available to them to stay healthy at times in their lives when they are experiencing a greater need.

Health-Related Services (HRS) Flexible Services

(currently not offered to FFS OHP members)

compared to

Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Services

(will be offered to FFS and CCO enrolled OHP members)

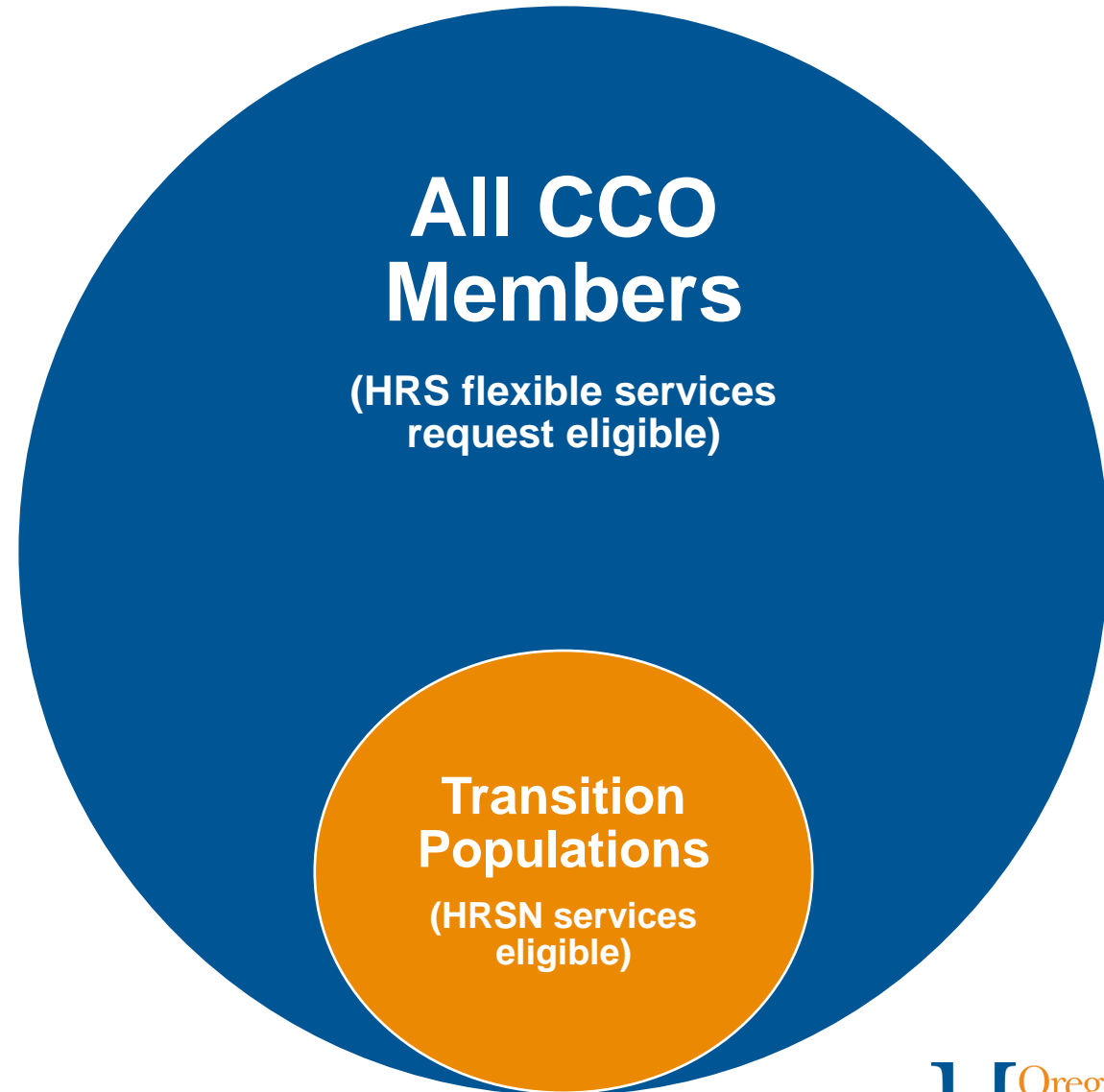


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Questions?

Next Steps and Opportunities

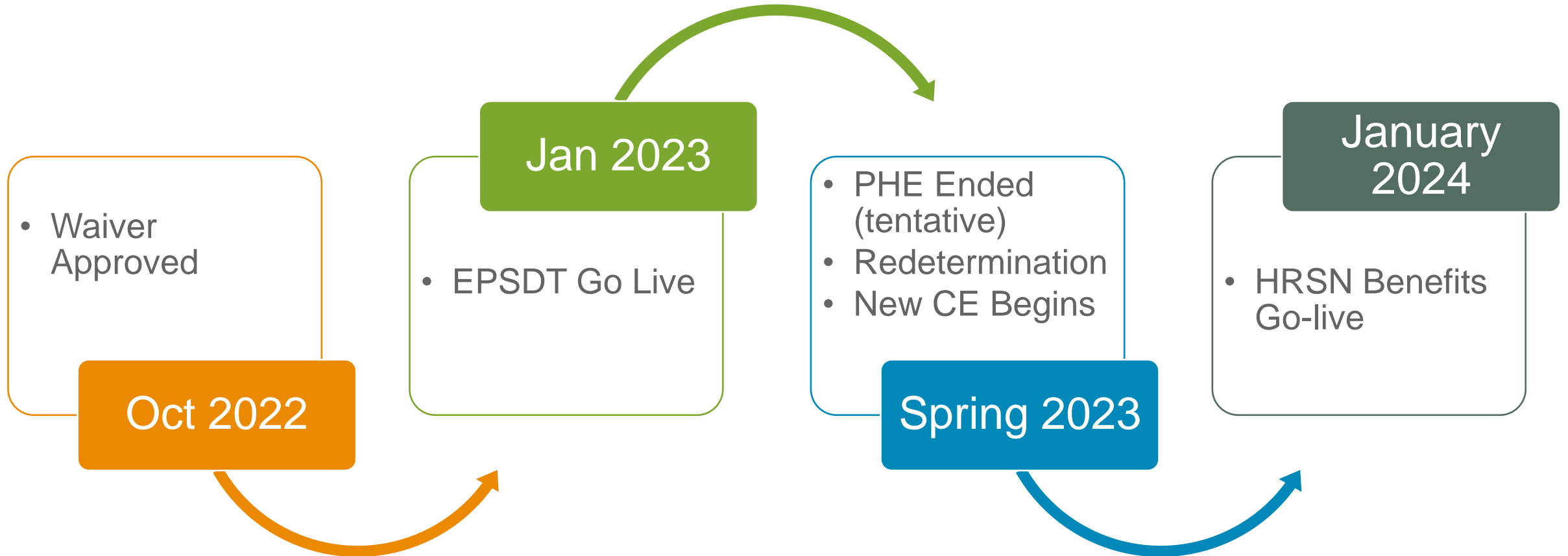
- Continued work with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

Continued negotiations with CMS

These were not approved in September, but we are still talking to Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services about these topics:

- Tribal related requests
- OHP coverage before people leave custody (such as the jail or state hospital)
- Community Investment Collaboratives to fund local health equity efforts

Timeline for Implementation



Question

How do we meaningfully engage OHP members and community partners like yourselves in 2023?



Thank you!

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