

Oregon's 1115 Medicaid Waiver

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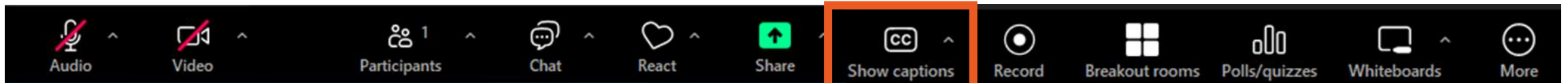
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1115 Medicaid Waiver Background



What is the Oregon Health Plan?

Medicaid

Medicaid is the nation's public health care program. In Oregon we call it the Oregon Health Plan (OHP).

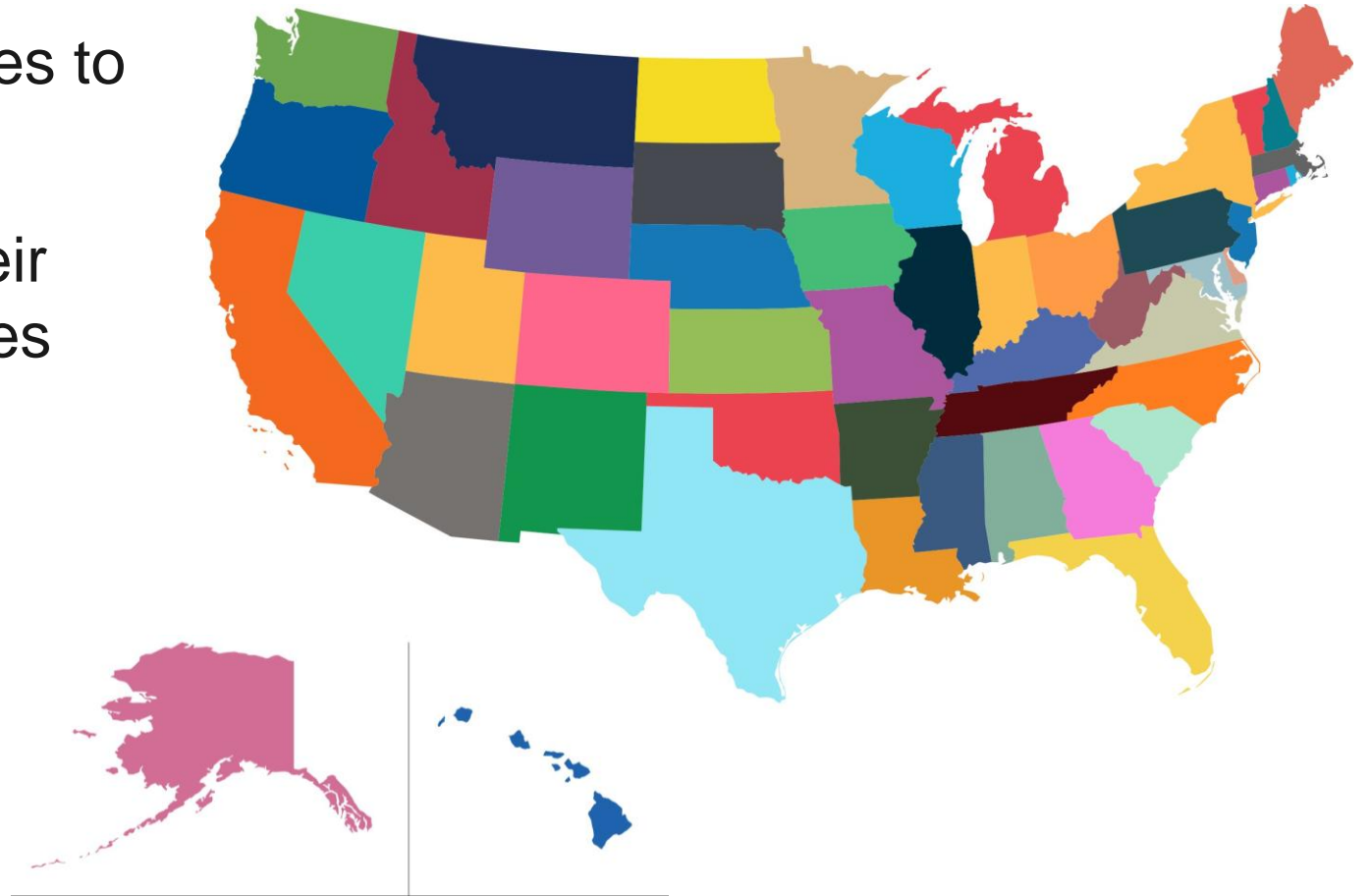
Oregon Health Plan

The Oregon Health Plan (OHP) is free health care coverage for low-income children, teens, and adults who live in Oregon. You can apply for OHP at any time during the year.



What is a Medicaid Waiver?

- States must follow federal rules to get Medicaid funding.
- States can ask **to change** their Medicaid rules. These changes are called a Medicaid waiver.



Benefit Update Project



Oregon Health Plan (OHP) - Benefit Update Project (BUP)

- A project to change how OHP benefits are organized so that OHP covers all the services that federal law says are **mandatory** and that Oregon says are **medically necessary (needed for health reasons)**.
- This change is **mostly administrative** rather than a change to **how** OHP services are delivered.



HERC review of services

- Oregon's Health Evidence Review Commission (HERC) reviews medical evidence to make sure services are safe and proven to work.
- As part of the Benefit Update Project, HERC has reviewed select services not covered by the Oregon Health Plan to see if coverage should be added after 1/1/2027.
- The work plan for HERC's review of services is available online: [Oregon Health Authority : Benefits Update Project Workplan \(BUP\) : Health Evidence Review Commission : State of Oregon](#)

Highlights of anticipated new OHP services starting 1/1/2027

HERC is recommending coverage changes for the following examples to OHP starting 1/1/2027 as part of the Benefit Update Project.

Coverage area	Details
Primary care office visits and medications for currently non-covered conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check-ups and reasonable testing are already covered • Many low-cost and safe medications already covered
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medications and equipment: no more denials because a condition is unfunded
Allergy treatment & testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newly covered conditions such as seasonal allergies and some rashes
Sports Medicine (treating injuries and illnesses related to physical activity)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical & occupational therapy for more conditions
Ophthalmology (Eye diseases)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newly covered eye and eyelid conditions

For more information on HERC review and decisions as part of the Benefit Update Project, visit: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/DSI-HERC/Pages//BUP-Workplan.aspx>

The Benefit Update Project Workgroup

- The workgroup includes representatives from a diverse range of organizations, including coordinated care organizations (CCOs), health systems and member advocacy groups.
- They met between August and December 2025 to help plan for the move away from the Prioritized List.
- The workgroup discussed the appeals and hearing process, HERC's role, medical necessity policy and other topics, and made recommendations for consideration by the Legislature and OHA.
- Meeting materials and workgroup recommendations are available: [BUP webpage](#)

How else can you get involved?

- Questions or suggestions? Email: herc.info@oha.oregon.gov
- Participate in HERC public meetings to review services
 - [How to participate with HERC](#)
- Review the Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee work plan for reviewing drug coverage:
 - P&T [work plan to review drug coverage for BUP](#)
 - [P&T website](#) with meeting information
- Visit the [BUP webpage](#) for more information and resources

Reentry Health Care Program



What is the Reentry Health Care program?

- Oregon is working to provide limited Oregon Health Plan (OHP) benefits to youth transitioning out of carceral facilities. These facilities include:
 - Juvenile detentions
 - County Jails
 - Oregon Youth Authority facilities
 - Oregon Department of Corrections facilities
 - Federal prison
 - Tribal Jails
- These benefits are known as Reentry Health Care benefits. They cover services that fall under Section 5121 of the 2023 Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act (FCAA).
- Post-release services started January 1, 2026. Pre-release services will begin no earlier than 2027

Reentry Health Care

Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act (FCAA) 2023 Section 5121 requirements

FCAA 2023 Sec. 5121 Eligible Population:

- ✓ Eligible for Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Programs (CHIP)
- ✓ Under 21 **or** under 26 and aged out of foster care system
- ✓ Post-adjudicated (sentenced)
- ✓ Within 30 days prior to release from a carceral facility or within 30 days post-release from a carceral facility.

FCAA 2023 Sec. 5121 Eligible Services:

- ✓ Targeted Case Management (TCM)
- ✓ Screening and diagnostic services in alignment with **Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT)** within 1 week of release or as soon as possible after release.

The legislative proposal to change state statute is being developed and will be introduced in the 2026 legislative session.

Updates from First Weeks of Launch

Program rules are live

- Standalone Rules: [410-155-0000](#) and [410-155-0010](#).
- Reentry Targeted Case Management: [410-138-0060 \(14\)\(a\)-\(g\)](#)

CCO and Open Card Contract Changes are Live

- **Acentra Contract Amendments**
- **CCO Contract Amendments**
- **Engagement with CCOs and Acentra via Reentry Workgroups**
 - CCOs and Acentra have been convening at regular bi-weekly workgroups to discuss FCAA implementation.
 - These workgroups have had strong participation and engagement.

Updates from First Weeks of Launch

Targeted Case Management Rate is Live

- The enhanced Targeted Case Management (TCM) rate for FCAA TCM is live in MMIS and the team has published an [FCAA TCM Billing Tip Sheet](#) in partnership with Provider Services Unit. This document can be found on the Reentry Health Care webpage.

Implementation Updates

- We are launching gradually over 2026 with carceral facilities.
- OHA is working with carceral facilities to provide technical assistance in the planning and implementation of the FCAA.

Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Benefit Implementation Update

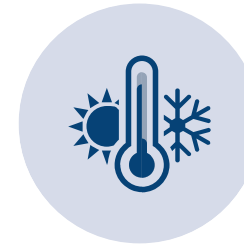


What are Health-Related Social Needs?

Health-Related Social Needs (HRSNs) are social and economic needs that affect people's ability to stay healthy and well. Eligible Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members may get these services, which are meant to help improve their health outcomes.

HRSN Benefits include:

- Housing supports:
 - Rent and utility financial assistance
 - Home changes for health and safety
 - Tenancy sustaining services
- Outreach & engagement services
- Nutrition supports:
 - Medically tailored meals
 - Nutrition education



Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Housing Eligibility Update

Here's a high-level overview of the rent and utility financial assistance benefit eligibility:

Oregon Health Plan (OHP) Members may be eligible if all the following applies:

- ✓ Currently housed and renting
 - **Request must include the Member's lease or rental agreement**
- ✓ At risk of houselessness, meaning:
 - The household income is 30% or less of the region's average median income (AMI)
 - **Verification at time of request is required, such as paycheck stubs or income taxes**
 - The Member needs support and lacks resources to maintain current housing
- ✓ Qualifying health condition
 - See next slide for additional details.

Each OHP member application will be reviewed by the health plan to make sure eligibility requirements are met. More information can be found on the [HRSN Service Provider webpage](#) and this [Housing Eligibility Factsheet](#).

Beginning 1/1/2026: Summary of changes for HRSN Rent & Utility Clinical Risk Factors

Keep **population-based** risk factors to support stable health during the most sensitive times of life

- Very young children (younger than six years)
- Older people (65 years old and up)
- Pregnant and up to 12 months after the child is born
- Young Adults with Special Healthcare Needs (YSHCN)

Focus on **acute and unstable health conditions** that can be helped most with the short-term rent benefit

- Narrow to acutely unstable health and higher risk chronic health conditions
- Require engagement in health care services for health conditions

Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Nutrition: Pantry Stocking and Fruit & Vegetable Benefit

Oregon Health Authority will be launching two new nutrition services for eligible Oregon Health Plan members in summer 2026:



Pantry Stocking: Allows eligible members to receive foods aimed at promoting improved nutrition.



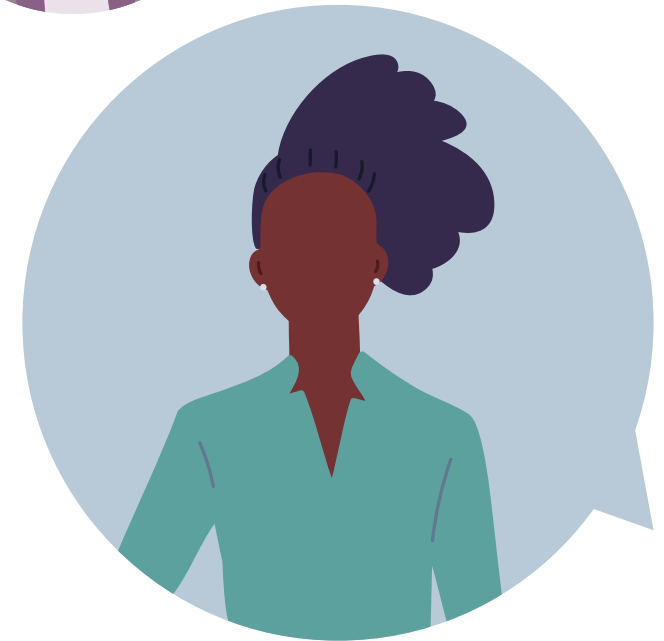
Fruit & Vegetable Benefit: Allows eligible members to receive fruits, vegetables, and herbs from participating food retailers, vendors, and farms.

Both services may be provided at the household level for eligible members who are pregnant, children under 21, or Young Adults with Special Healthcare Needs (YSHCN).

Question & Answer



What questions do you have?



Upcoming 2026 Sessions

★ May 13: HRSN

- Nutrition Benefits
- Housing Benefits

★ August 12

★ November 4



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