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Public notice

Notice of intent: OHA will amend the Medicaid State Plan 1915(k) state plan option

Date: May 8, 2026

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Comments due: 5 p.m. Friday, June 5, 2026

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the 1915(k) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) state plan option, effective July 1, 2026.

[House Bill 4115 \(2026\)](#) updates Oregon Revised Statutes 181A.195, 181A.200, 443.004 and 443.008 to require criminal background checks for certain providers of 1915(k) services to last three years, with exceptions. The SPA will align the Medicaid State Plan with state law.

There is no estimated cost for this change as it is administrative and does not add new benefits.

Obtaining SPA language

The following pages show edits to existing State Plan language in the proposed SPA. You can also view the full State Plan, approved SPAs and proposed SPAs on [the OHA website](#).

How to comment:

OHA welcomes public review and input. Please send written comments by 5 p.m. Friday, June 5, 2026, to jesse.anderson@oha.oregon.gov.

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State/Territory: OREGON

AMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE OF MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL
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Community First Choice State Plan Option

Community Transportation, Agency Provider- Licensing and certification requirements at OARs 411-325-0010 through 411-325-0480; 309-035-0100 through 309-035-0190; OARs 309-041-0550 through 309-041-0830; 411-345-0010 through 411-345-0300; 411-360-0010 through 411-360-0310; 411-328-0550 through 411-328-830; 411-346-0100 through 411-346-0230; 411-450-0080. People providing transportation must also have a valid driver's license, a good driving record, and proof of insurance. With cause, providers may be subject to investigation or inquiries by the CDDP or the Department.

Developmental Disabilities Support Services Provider Organization- Providers are certified under OAR 411-323-0010 through 411-323-0070 and endorsed to requirements at OAR 411-340-0030, OAR 411-340-0040, OAR 411-340-0050, OAR 411-340-0070, OAR 411-340-0080, and OAR 411-340-0090, and OAR 411-340-0170. DHS verifies the qualifications of the provider at the time of the initial certification and every 5 years. Additionally, the department can review at any time for cause.

Group Care Homes for Children- Certification requirements at OAR 411.349-0000 through 411-3490020; 411-325-0010 through 411-325-0480; or 413-215-0000 through 413-215-0883. DHS Central Office is responsible for verification of provider qualifications biennially.

Habilitation Agency Provider - Providers are certified and endorsed under OARs 411-345-0000 through 411-345-0300 and OAR 411-323-0010 through 411-323-0070. People providing direct services in the family home or working alone with a recipient must pass a Criminal History Check conducted by the state at a minimum of every ~~three~~two years.

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Demonstrate proof of liability and operational insurance coverage as described in OAR 411-323-0030(3) (d). DHS verifies the qualifications of the provider every 5 years. Additionally, the department or the can review at any time for cause. These providers are authorized to provide ADL, IADL and health related tasks during the course of community living and inclusion supports and alternative to employment services.

Home Care Worker- Certification requirements at OAR 411-031-0020 - 0050. Branch offices are responsible for verification of provider qualifications at initial authorization. Criminal background checks are conducted initially and every three (3~~2~~) years.

In-Home Care Agency- Licensing requirements at OAR 333-536-0000 through 0100 and OAR 411-030-0002 through 0090. DHS Central office is responsible for verification of provider qualifications upon the execution and renewal of contracts.

Personal Support Worker- Requirements for qualification at OAR 411-375-0020. The Department is responsible for verification of these provider qualifications. Criminal background checks are conducted initially and every three (3~~2~~) years. - Personal Support Workers providing transportation must also have a valid driver's license, a good driving record, and proof of insurance as verified by the CDDP, Brokerage, or the Department. A representative of the CDDP, brokerage, the Department or family will verify that the person can provide the care needed by the individual. The common law employer (employer of record) is responsible for informing and training regarding the specific care needs of the individual. With cause, providers may be subject to investigation or inquiries by the CDDP or the Department.

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Local Transportation Authorities- DHS/Provider contract specifications. DHS Central Office is responsible for verification of provider qualifications upon execution of renewal of contracts. Contracts are renewed every 2 years.

Residential Care Facilities- Licensing requirements at OAR 411-054-0000 - 0300. The DHS Client Care Monitoring Unit is responsible for verification of provider qualifications at initial license and renewal (every 2 years).

Residential Treatment Facility for Mentally or Emotionally Disturbed Persons- License Licensed by the Oregon Health Authority under OAR 309-035-0110. Licenses are renewed every two years.

Skills Trainers- are hired or monitored by licensed, certified or specialty programs including Adult Foster Care, Adult Group Homes, Assisted Living Facilities, Community Living Supports Providers, Developmental Disabilities Support Services Provider Organizations, Group Care Homes, Habilitation Agency Providers, In-home Care Agencies, In-Home Support Provider Agency, Residential Care Facilities, Residential Treatment Facilities/Homes Specialized Living Services and Supported Living Agency providers that have demonstrated expertise in serving the targeted individuals.

Specialized Living Services- Certification requirements at OAR 411-065-0000 through 0050. Branch offices are responsible for verification of provider qualifications prior to executing a contract and annually thereafter. These service providers are authorized to provide ADL, IADL and health related tasks as well as acquisition services.

Supported Living Agency Provider - Providers are certified and endorsed under OARs 411-328-0550 through 411-328-0830 and OAR 411-323-0010 through 411-323-007. People providing direct services in the recipient's home or working alone with a recipient must pass a criminal history check conducted by the state at a minimum of every ~~threetwo~~ years. ~~+~~ The agency must demonstrate proof of liability and operational insurance coverage as described in OAR 411-323-0030(3) (d). Provider qualifications must be rechecked every 5 years. Additionally, the department or the CDDP can review at any time for cause.