



Public notice

Notice of intent – OHA will amend the Oregon's Alternate Benefit Plan to include community violence prevention services.

Date: February 24, 2023

Contact: Jesse Anderson, State Plan manager

Comments due: 5 p.m. Friday, March 10, 2023

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will submit an Alternate Benefit Plan (ABP) amendment to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to add coverage and reimbursement for community violence prevention services performed by a qualified certified violence prevention professional.

- Community violence prevention services are for Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members who have received medical treatment for an injury sustained because of community violence.
- Covered services include assessment of needs; development of individualized service plan; peer support; counseling, including counseling to address and mitigate the impact of trauma; mentorship; conflict mediation; crisis intervention; patient education; discharge planning; and care coordination.
- Reimbursement will be \$99.12 per hour or \$24.78 per 15-minute increments for procedure code H2015 (Comprehensive Community Support).

The estimated Total Fund portion of this increase for State Fiscal Years 2023-2025 will be \$13,466,576.

Background:

House Bill 4045 (2022) requires OHA to seek federal approval to cover these services for OHP members.

Oregon's ABP establishes OHP coverage for adults who qualify through the Affordable Care Act Medicaid expansion, but not through the traditional mandatory and optional populations covered by Oregon's Medicaid State Plan. OHA requested federal approval of these services through a Medicaid State Plan amendment earlier this year.

EPSDT and tribal consultation:

These amendments will not change any coverage or benefits or how OHP provides Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) services. OHA has followed the tribal consultation process established under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and as set forth in its approved Medicaid State Plan.

How to comment:

OHA welcomes public review and input. Please send written comments by 5 p.m. Friday, March 10, 2023, to jesse.anderson@dhsosha.state.or.us.