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## Public notice

Notice of intent — OHA will amend the Alternate Benefit Plan to align with the Medicaid State Plan.

**Date:** November 7, 2023

**Contact:** Jesse Anderson, State Plan manager

**Comments due:** 5 p.m. Thursday, November 30, 2023

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The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will submit a proposed amendment to Oregon's Alternate Benefit Plan (ABP) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to add these sections from Oregon's Medicaid State Plan to the ABP:

- Coverage for medication-assisted treatment (MAT) as required by section 1006(b) of the SUPPORT Act
- Community First Choice-1915(k)
- 1915(i) benefit
- Other Licensed Practitioners

## Background

The ABP establishes Medicaid coverage for adults newly eligible under the Affordable Care Act. Under section 1937 of the Social Security Act, states may design an ABP entirely based on their approved Medicaid State Plan as long as the ABP stays in full alignment with the Medicaid State Plan.

This amendment ensures that Oregon's ABP contains all updates to the Medicaid State Plan since original approval of the ABP.

## Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)

The ABP will continue to provide full access to EPSDT services to all members under age 21 through the coordinated care organization and fee-for-service delivery systems. This includes:

- Informing them that EPSDT services are available and of the need for age-appropriate immunizations.
- Covering screening services and corrective treatment the screenings identify. This includes any services coverable under the Medicaid program that are found to be medically necessary to treat, correct or reduce illnesses and conditions discovered regardless of whether the service is covered in Oregon's Medicaid State Plan.

## Cost-sharing protections

Oregon does not impose cost sharing on Medicaid beneficiaries, so no exemptions are necessary to ensure cost sharing protections for Native Americans as required by section 5006(e) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

**How to comment:**

OHA welcomes public review and input. Please send written comments by 5 p.m. Thursday, November 30, 2023, to [jesse.anderson@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:jesse.anderson@oha.oregon.gov).