



Public notice

Date: August 1, 2022

Subject: Request for comments and notice of public hearings on the proposed Section 1115 SUD waiver Bridge to the Bridge amendment application

Comments due: 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, Sep. 7, 2022

This abbreviated public notice provides information of public interest regarding a proposed amendment request to the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) Section 1115 Substance Use Disorder waiver by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

- OHA is seeking this waiver amendment approval to implement key provisions necessary for the unwinding of the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE).
- The Section 1115 SUD waiver Bridge to the Bridge amendment will temporarily expand OHP coverage to include people in Oregon with income from 138-200% of the federal poverty level (FPL). The effective term of the proposed amendment is the end of the federal PHE. All proposed requests are subject to approval by CMS.

The following documents are available [on the OHA website](#):

- A copy of the proposed Section 1115 SUD amendment and initial notice of public interest, both posted on Aug. 1, 2022.
- The draft application proposal

All elements of [the current Section 1115 SUD demonstration](#) are proposed to continue.

The following elements are proposed for inclusion under the 1115 SUD waiver amendment:

- Temporary expansion of OHP coverage to include people in Oregon with income from 138-200% of the FPL for 14 months following the expiration of the federal PHE.
- This demonstration will begin on the day that the PHE expires.
- For all individuals enrolled under this demonstration other than American Indian or Alaska Native (AI/AN) enrollees, this demonstration will end when Oregon implements its Basic Health Plan.
- For AI/AN enrollees, this demonstration would remain in place for five years.

Public review and comments

The public is invited to give written and verbal comments on the draft waiver application from Aug. 1, 2022, through Sep. 7, 2022. **The deadline for commenting is Sep. 7, 2022, 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time.**

The public may provide verbal or written comments. All public comments received by OHA will be posted [on the OHA website](#).

Public hearings

OHA will host the following public hearings to solicit stakeholder comments. OHA will hold the public hearings electronically to promote social distancing and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The meetings will have online video streaming and telephonic conference capabilities to ensure statewide accessibility.

1115 SUD Waiver Bridge to the Bridge Amendment Public Hearing

Aug. 24, 2022 | 10 to 11 a.m.

ZoomGov meeting: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only) +1 669-254-5252,,1619603978# US

Meeting ID: 161 960 3978

If you need help or accommodations, please contact Nikki Olson at 971-304-9226 or Nikki.Olson@dhsoha.state.or.us at least 48 hours before the meeting.

Medicaid Advisory Committee

Aug. 31, 2022 | 9 a.m. to noon

Microsoft Teams meeting: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Join on your computer or mobile app

Or call in (audio only) [+1 971-277-2343,,943094499#](#) United States, Portland

Phone Conference ID: 943 094 499#

If you need help or accommodations, please contact Sarah Wetherson at 503-793-1920 or Sarah.E.Wetherson@dhsoha.state.or.us at least 48 hours before the meeting.

Written comments

Beginning Aug. 1, 2022, written comments can be emailed to OHA at 1115SUD.BridgeAmendment@dhsoha.state.or.us, submitted on [the OHA website](#), or mailed to:

Health Policy and Analytics Bridge Program Team
Attn: Michelle Hatfield
500 Summer St. NE, E65
Salem, OR 97301

To ensure consideration prior to submission of the Section 1115 SUD waiver amendment application to CMS, OHA must receive comments no later than 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on Sep. 7, 2022.

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- Audio and other formats

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