

Public notice

Notice of intent – OHA will amend the Medicaid State Plan to add art therapist as an allowable provider type.

Date: Dec. 31, 2025

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Comments due: 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, 2026

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to add art therapist as an allowable Medicaid performing provider type effective Jan. 1, 2026.

Background

This provider type is not specified in federal Medicaid regulations. To cover this provider type, OHA must get federal approval to add it as an allowable Medicaid performing provider type to Oregon's Medicaid State Plan. Section 10 of [House Bill 3761 \(2025\)](#) requires Medicaid reimbursement for art therapists licensed through Oregon's Health Licensing Office, effective Jan. 1, 2026.

There is no Federal Fund impact to add the new provider type; they will utilize the current rate methodology under the Behavioral Health Fee Schedule.

Obtaining SPA language

Pages 3-6 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, Jan. 23, 2026, to jesse.anderson@oha.oregon.gov.



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6. d. Other Practitioner Services

In accordance with 42 CFR 440.60, the following licensed practitioners can provide Health care services in this state plan that are within their scope of practice as defined in Oregon Revised Statutes, Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR), and the applicable Boards or certifying agency's governing them. While some of the following practitioners must meet board certification requirements, all covered practitioners must meet state licensure requirements to be covered for services under this section:

Licensed practitioners:

1. Art Therapist licensed by the Oregon State Health Licensing Office, and certified by the Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB);
2. Acupuncturists licensed by the Oregon Medical Board;
3. Behavior Analyst (BCBA) and Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA) licensed by the Oregon Behavior Analyst Regulatory Board;
4. Clinical Social Worker licensed by the Oregon Board of Licensed Social Workers;
5. Clinical Social Worker licensed by the Oregon Board of Licensed Social Workers who maintain certification as a Gambling Addiction Counselor, Certified by the Mental Health & Addiction Board of Oregon;
6. Counselors licensed by the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapist;
7. Counselors licensed by the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapist who maintain certification as a Gambling Addiction Counselor, Certified by the Mental Health & Addiction Board of Oregon;
8. Dental hygienists with an Expanded Practice Dental Hygienist Permit (EPDHP) licensed by the Oregon Board of Dentistry;
9. Dental Therapist licensed by the Oregon Board of Dentistry;
10. Denturists licensed by the Oregon Health Licensing Office;
11. Dietitian, (RDN) and (RD) licensed by the Oregon board of Licensed Dietitians;

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Licensed practitioners (Cont):

- ~~124~~. Direct Entry Midwife licensed by the Oregon Board of Direct Entry Midwifery;
- ~~132~~. Electrologist, licensed by the Oregon State Board of Electrologists and Body Art Practitioners;
- ~~143~~. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced EMT (AEMT), EMT-Intermediate (EMT-I), Emergency Medical Responders (EMR), and Paramedics Licensed by the Oregon Health Authority;
- ~~154~~. Genetic Counselors licensed by the Oregon State Health Licensing Office;
- ~~165~~. Naturopathic physicians licensed by the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine;
- ~~176~~. Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) licensed by the Oregon Board of Nursing;
- ~~187~~. Nurse Practitioner (NP) licensed by the Oregon Board of Nursing;
- ~~198~~. Pharmacists licensed by the Oregon Board of Pharmacy;
- ~~2019~~. Physician Assistant (PA) licensed by the Oregon Medical Board;
- ~~210~~. Psychologist, (PhD & PsyD licensed by the Oregon Board of Psychology;
- ~~224~~. Psychologist, (PhD & PsyD licensed by the Oregon Board of Psychology who maintain certification as a Gambling Addiction Counselor, Certified by the Mental Health & Addiction Board of Oregon;
- ~~232~~. School Counselors licensed by the Oregon Teachers Standards and Practice Commission;
- ~~243~~. School Psychologist licensed by the Oregon Teachers Standards and Practice Commission;
- ~~254~~. School Social Workers licensed by the Oregon Teachers Standards and Practice Commission.

Registered or Certified Non-licensed practitioners:

1. Certified Indian Health Service Community Health Aide Program providers, supervised by a Licensed Health Care Professional.

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Registered or Certified non-licensed practitioners (Cont):

2. Gambling Addiction Counselor, certified by the Mental Health & Addiction Board of Oregon who are not otherwise a licensed practitioner. Must be supervised by a Licensed Health Care Professional.
3. Behavioral Analyst Interventionists:
Must be supervised by a Behavior Analyst (BCBA), an Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA) or a Licensed Health Care Professional.
4. Certified Recovery Mentors, certified by the Mental Health & Addiction Board of Oregon who are not otherwise a licensed practitioner. Must be supervised by a Licensed Health Care Professional.
5. Non-traditional health workers (referred to a traditional health worker in OAR):
Must be supervised by existing licensed practitioners and perform services for them within the licensed practitioner's scope of practice. Licensed health providers are responsible for the work that they order, delegate or supervise when health care professionals work under their supervision. The state assures that any non-licensed service providers authorized by this section of Oregon's state plan will be supervised by a Licensed Health Care Professional.

For purposes of this State Plan a Licensed Health Care Professional (LHCP) includes the following provider types:

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6. d. **Other Practitioner Services (Cont)**

Registered or Certified non-licensed practitioners (Cont):

Non-traditional health workers (Cont):

Physicians*, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Dentists, Dental hygienists with an Expanded Practice Permit, Ph.D. Psychologists, PsyD Psychologists, LCSW Social Workers and Licensed Professional Counselors. * covered in the state plan under physician services.

- a) Community Health Worker services are provided under the supervision of LHCP;
- b) Peer services are provided under the supervision of LHCP;
 - a. Personal Health Navigators services are provided under the supervision of LHCP;
 - b. Peer Wellness Specialist services are provided under the supervisions of a LHCP;
 - c. Peer Support Specialist services are provided under the supervision of a LHCP.

The state assures that only the Licensed Health Care Professional will bill for services.