



## Public notice

Notice of intent – OHA will amend the Medicaid State Plan to increase the rate for Freestanding Birth Centers.

**Date:** June 27, 2023

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

**Comments due:** 5 p.m. Friday, July 28, 2023

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The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to increase the global reimbursement rate for Freestanding Birth Centers from \$1,200 to \$3,700 per birth.

The estimated annual Federal Fund portion of this increase will be \$192,219.

### Background:

This change aligns with the coverage provisions of the Affordable Care Act and rates paid for individual procedure codes for services covered by the global rate. These include:

- Nursing services, services of technical personnel, and other related services;
- Any support services provided by personnel employed by the Birthing Center;
- The client's use of the facilities including the operating room and recovery room;
- Drugs, biologicals, surgical dressings, supplies, and equipment related to the provision of the procedure(s);
- Diagnostic or therapeutic items and services related to the surgical procedure;
- Administrative, record-keeping, and housekeeping items and services;
- Blood, blood plasma, platelets.

### How to comment:

OHA welcomes public review and input. Please send written comments by 5 p.m. Friday, July 28, 2023, to [jesse.anderson@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:jesse.anderson@oha.oregon.gov).