

Public notice

Notice of intent – OHA will amend the Medicaid State Plan to add enhanced rates for culturally and linguistically specific health services.

Date: Jan. 3, 2025

Contact: Jesse Anderson, State Plan manager

Comments due: 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, 2025

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) intends to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. The SPA will add an enhanced rate for culturally and linguistically specific health services.

- For non-rural providers, the enhanced rate adds 22 percent of the standard fee-for-service rate for the services provided.
- For rural providers, the enhanced rate adds 27 percent of the standard rate.

To be eligible for the enhanced rate, providers must be enrolled with OHA as Oregon Medicaid providers and apply for the enhanced rate.

The estimated annual fee-for-service Total Fund cost is \$26, 587.

Obtaining SPA language

The last page shows the new 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. 31, 2025, to jesse.anderson@oha.oregon.gov.



STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
State/Territory: OREGON

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES

Culturally and linguistically specific health services (CLSS):

Culturally and linguistically specific health services means quality health care services that are designed specifically for a distinct minoritized cultural community, developed based on languages used and cultural values of the distinct minoritized cultural community and designed their voices and experiences, and that have the aim to enhancing emotional safety, belonging and a shared collective cultural experience for healing and promotion of health among the distinct cultural community.

minoritized cultural community are defined as communities that have experienced historical and contemporary discrimination and oppression primarily on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual and affectional orientation, ability status. And/or migration.

CLSS provider must be enrolled with OHA as an OHP (Oregon Medicaid) provider, and deemed eligible by OHA to receive enhanced payments for culturally and linguistically specific services. Provider may be any Medicaid enrolled provider type that has met the criteria and approved by OHA.

Reimbursement:

Enrolled providers and provider organizations bill using the following modifiers:

- **U9:** For non-rural providers this will add 22 percent of OHA's FFS rate for the applicable provider type to the standard reimbursement rate.
- **TN:** For rural providers (as confirmed by OHA during the application process) this will add 27 percent of OHA's FFS rate for the applicable provider type to the standard rate.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. Unless noted otherwise the agency fee schedule was set for services on or after 1/1/25. All rates are published on the agency's website and can be accessed at <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/OHP/Pages/Fee-Schedule.aspx>