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Public notice

Notice of intent – OHA will amend the Medicaid State Plan to extend rates past the Public Health Emergency period.

Date: February 24, 2023

Contact: Jesse Anderson, State Plan manager

Comments due: 5 p.m. Friday, March 17, 2023

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will submit a Temporary State Plan Amendment to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to extend provisions approved under the following COVID-19 Disaster Relief State Plan Amendments (SPAs):

- [SPA 22-0028](#): 5% rate increase for Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) service settings, effective Jan. 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023.
- [SPA 21-0021](#): Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) wage add-on rate, effective October 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023.

Background

All COVID-19 Disaster Relief State Plan Amendments are due to expire when the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency ends May 11, 2023. CMS is allowing states to submit Temporary State Plan Amendments to continue certain provisions past this date.

Oregon's amendments will allow the provisions approved under SPA 22-0028 and SPA 21-0021 to continue through their original end date of June 30, 2023. This is necessary to address ongoing retention issues for ODDS service settings and HCBS providers and nursing facilities.

How to comment:

OHA welcomes public review and input. Please send written comments by 5 p.m. Friday, March 17, 2023, to jesse.anderson@dhsosha.state.or.us.