



Public notice

Notice of intent – OHA will amend the Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plans to affirm compliance with COVID-19 coverage and reimbursement requirements mandated by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Date: June 29, 2022

Contact: Jesse Anderson, State Plan manager

Comments due: 5 p.m. Friday, July 15, 2022

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will submit State Plan Amendments (SPAs) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to add required language related to COVID-19 coverage and reimbursement.

For the payment rates, OHA is using the same methods and standards outlined in the applicable disaster relief SPAs submitted in 2020 and 2021 for the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency:

- COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines for all qualified providers are at 100% of the Medicare rate, including any future Medicare updates or changes to their rates;
- COVID-19 testing lab codes U0001-U0005 are at 100% of the Medicare rate;
- COVID-19 administration of monoclonal antibody treatment or any drug treatment authorized under an FDA Emergency Use Authorization are at 100% of the Medicare rate, including any future Medicare updates.

Background:

CMS requires all states to submit Medicaid and CHIP SPAs to demonstrate compliance with sections 9811 and 9821 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. The Act requires Medicaid/CHIP coverage of COVID-19 vaccines, testing, treatment, and treatment of conditions that could complicate the treatment of COVID-19.

Oregon Health Plan benefits already include many of these treatments.

How to comment:

OHA welcomes public review and input. Please send written comments by 5 p.m. Friday, July 15, 2022, to jesse.anderson@dhsosha.state.or.us.