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## Public notice

Notice of intent – OHA will submit a Medicaid State Plan Amendment to establish a supplemental payment to nursing homes.

**Date:** September 28, 2023

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

**Comments due:** 5 p.m. Friday, October 20, 2023

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The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) intends to submit a State Plan Amendment to establish a supplemental payment to nursing homes participating in Oregon CareWorks Training. This supplemental payment aims to:

- 1) Improve recruitment and retention of the nursing home workforce;
- 2) Provide Medicaid supplemental payments to nursing home employers participating in a labor-management training trust to expand on-the-job training, apprenticeship opportunities and other programs that support the development of health care professionals, including certified nursing assistants and others as identified in accordance with House Bill (HB) 3396 and Senate Bill (SB) 1049 (2023) based on the volume of Medicaid services provided; and
- 3) Maximize use of Medicaid federal financial participation.

### Background:

The Oregon Legislature passed HB 3396 and SB 1049 to provide state share to fund the Oregon CareWorks Supplemental Payment Program. The Oregon CareWorks Supplemental Payment Program is designed to support nursing homes who participate in labor-management training trusts that provide additional wraparound supports, on-the-job training, and mentorship services to help ensure financial and racial equity in the workforce.

Each participating nursing home will:

- Receive a supplemental payment that varies with its pro rata share of Medicaid days.
- Enter into a memorandum of understanding with the authority that specifies how the supplemental payments will be used;

\$2.5 million in state share has been appropriated over the biennium for this supplemental payment.

### How to comment:

OHA welcomes public review and input. Please send written comments by 5 p.m. Friday, October 20, 2023, to [jesse.anderson@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:jesse.anderson@oha.oregon.gov).