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## Public notice

Notice of intent – OHA will amend the Medicaid State Plan to provide incentive payments to residential facilities during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

**Date:** November 4, 2022

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

**Comments due:** 5 p.m. Friday, November 25, 2022

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The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will submit a State Plan Amendment to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services that adds the Discharge Incentive Payment Program to Oregon's Medicaid State Plan.

The program will provide incentives for timely discharge and care coordination for hospital and (skilled) nursing facility (SNF/NF) residents who receive Medicaid services through the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) program. Incentives will be up to \$5,000 for:

- Adult foster homes, adult group homes, or residential care facilities, for each newly discharged person they admit directly from the hospital or SNF/NF;
- In-home care agencies, for each newly discharged individual served.

These incentives will be available only to the following eligible providers, for services provided from Nov. 1, 2022, through April 30, 2023:

- Adult foster homes licensed through ODHS APD, ODHS Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS), OHA and Multnomah County
- Adult group homes licensed through ODDS
- Residential care facilities licensed through APD
- Qualifying In-Home Care Agencies licensed through OHA.

The estimated Federal Fund portion of this increase will be \$1,800,000.

### Background

Updating the Medicaid State Plan will allow OHA and ODHS to begin issuing these payments to eligible providers as approved by the Oregon Legislature in September 2022 to address ongoing hospital and SNF/NF capacity concerns. To learn more, [read the transmittal from ODHS](#).

### How to comment:

OHA welcomes public review and input. Please send written comments by 5 p.m. Friday, November 25, 2022, to [jesse.anderson@dhsaha.state.or.us](mailto:jesse.anderson@dhsaha.state.or.us).