



## Memorandum

**To:** Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs)

**From:** Jessi Wilson, 1115 Waiver Strategic Operations Director

**Date:** February 27, 2026

**Subject:** Service Authorizations for Health-Related Social Needs Services

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This communication is about the end date for Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) service authorizations in the [Medicaid](#) and [Non-Medicaid](#) Contracts between Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and CCOs.

HRSN services are available to Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members as a result of Oregon's [current Medicaid 1115 Demonstration waiver](#). A Medicaid waiver is how states propose to make new changes to their Medicaid programs and to continue programs authorized under previous waivers.

Oregon's current Medicaid waiver expires September 30, 2027. OHA is currently developing its Medicaid waiver renewal strategy for the next five-year cycle, which will be for October 1, 2027, through September 30, 2032. As such, this memo only provides direction for current federal authorities allowed under Oregon's current Medicaid waiver and does not provide or indicate direction related to the status of the Medicaid waiver after September 30, 2027.

OHA's authority for HRSN services ends on the same date as the current Medicaid waiver: September 30, 2027. This means that HRSN service authorizations cannot extend past this date. As a result, **CCOs must not authorize or provide any HRSN services for dates of service after September 30, 2027.**

Please refer to the following guidance for how to apply this direction for specific HRSN services.

## **HRSN Tenancy Services**

For service authorizations completed through April 1, 2026, CCOs may authorize services up to eighteen (18) months. For service authorizations completed after April 1, 2026, services may only be authorized through September 30, 2027.

## **HRSN Rent and Utilities Financial Assistance, Storage Fees, Medically Tailored Meals, Nutrition Education, Pantry Stocking, and Fruit and Vegetable Benefits<sup>1</sup>**

For service authorizations completed through April 1, 2027, CCOs may authorize these services for up to six (6) months. For service authorizations completed after April 1, 2027, these services may only be authorized through September 30, 2027.

## **HRSN Outreach and Engagement (O&E) Services**

HRSN O&E Services do not require service authorization. However, CCOs and HRSN Service Providers should be aware that these services may only be provided through September 30, 2027.

As previously stated, OHA is currently developing its renewal strategy for the Medicaid waiver. If Oregon's authority to provide HRSN services will continue in the next Medicaid waiver, OHA will notify CCOs and provide further guidance.

## **Questions?**

Please contact the HRSN Program at [HRSN.Program@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:HRSN.Program@oha.oregon.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> HRSN Pantry Stocking and Fruit and Vegetable Benefits are not currently implemented as covered services but will be implemented later in 2026.