

Public notice

Notice of intent – OHA will amend the Alternate Benefit Plan to align with the Medicaid State Plan.

Date: June 6, 2025

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Comments due: 5 p.m. Friday, July 11, 2025

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) intends to submit an amended Alternate Benefit Plan (ABP) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The amendment will remove the Sept. 30, 2025 end date for the medication-assisted treatment option for opioid use disorder.

There is no estimated cost to make this change as it does not change reimbursement methods or add new services.

Background

Section 201 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) requires states to coverage medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder. Before the CAA, the SUPPORT Act of 2018 limited this coverage to a 5-year period ending Sept. 30, 2025.

The ABP establishes Medicaid coverage for adults newly eligible under the Affordable Care Act. Under section 1937 of the Social Security Act, states may base their ABP entirely on their approved Medicaid State Plan as long as the ABP stays fully aligned with the Medicaid State Plan.

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)

The ABP will continue to provide full access to EPSDT services to all members under age 21 through the coordinated care organization and fee-for-service delivery systems. This includes:

- Informing them that EPSDT services are available and of the need for age-appropriate immunizations.
- Covering screening services and corrective treatment the screenings identify. This includes any services coverable under the Medicaid program found medically necessary to treat, correct or reduce illnesses and conditions discovered regardless of whether the service is covered in Oregon's Medicaid State Plan.

Cost-sharing protections

Oregon does not impose cost sharing on Medicaid beneficiaries, so no exemptions are necessary to ensure cost sharing protections for Native Americans as required by section 5006(e) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Obtaining ABP language

Page 3 shows proposed edits to existing ABP language.

How to comment:

OHA welcomes public review and input. Please send written comments by 5 p.m. Friday, July 11, 2025, to jesse.anderson@oha.oregon.gov.

14. Other 1937 Covered Benefits that are not Essential Health benefits

Other 1937 Benefits	
<u>Benefit Provided:</u> Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)	<u>Source:</u> Section 1937 Coverage option
<u>Authorization :</u> Other	<u>Provider Qualifications:</u> Medicaid State Plan
<u>Amount Limit:</u> None	<u>Duration Limit</u> None
<u>Scope Limit:</u> Same as Medicaid State Plan, Supplement 5 to Attachment 3.1-A	
Other information regarding this benefit, including the specific name of the source plan if it is not the base benchmark plan:	
<p>Confirming coverage for mandatory MAT benefit for drugs and biological products and related counseling services and behavioral therapy under the SUPPORT Act under EHB 5: Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder services including behavioral health treatment and EHB 6: Prescription Drugs.</p> <p>MAT is provided as defined in the approved state plan Supplement 5 to Attachment 3.1-A and in accordance with 1905(a)(29). for the period beginning October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2025.</p>	