

Public notice

Notice of intent – OHA will amend the Medicaid State Plan to include reimbursement for community-based mobile crisis intervention services, effective April 1, 2022.

Date: March 30, 2022

Contact: Jesse Anderson, State Plan manager

Comments due: 5 p.m. Monday, April 11, 2022

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will submit a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to add community-based mobile crisis intervention services as a covered behavioral health benefit. To implement this change, OHA will:

- Set payment rates for these services using the same methods and standards used for other behavioral health services.
- Post the rates in a statewide fee schedule on the [OHP Fee Schedule page](#).

OHA estimates the aggregate costs for adding this new benefit to be \$19.9 million in total funds for the period of 4/1/2022 through 9/30/2025. These costs are based on a rate of \$75 per 15-minute unit, as well as caseload and utilization assumptions.

Community-based mobile crisis intervention services:

- Are a key element of an effective behavioral health crisis continuum of care.
- Aim to provide rapid response, individual assessment and crisis resolution by trained mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment professionals and paraprofessionals.
- Are used in situations that involve individuals who are presumed or known to have a mental health condition and/or SUD.

Background:

Section 9813 of the American Recovery Plan Act amends Title XIX of the Social Security Act to add a new section 1947. Section 1947 authorizes a state option to provide qualifying community-based mobile crisis intervention services for a period of up to five years, during the period starting April 1, 2022, and ending March 31, 2027.

How to comment:

OHA welcomes public review and input. Please send written comments by 5 p.m. Monday, April 11, 2022, to jesse.anderson@dhsoha.state.or.us.