

Public notice

Notice of intent – OHA will amend the Medicaid State Plan to revise the definition of specialized services for Preadmission Screening and Annual Resident Review.

Date: Jan. 10, 2025

Contact: Jesse Anderson, State Plan manager

Comments due: 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, 2025

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) intends to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. The SPA will update the definition of “specialized services” in the Preadmission Screening and Annual Resident Review (PASRR) section of the state plan to include required language under 42 CFR 483.120 for mental illness.

There is no estimated cost to make this technical change to the state plan as it does not change reimbursement methods.

Obtaining SPA language

The next page shows edits to existing State Plan language in the proposed SPA. You can also view the full State Plan, approved SPAs and proposed SPAs on [the OHA website](#).

How to comment:

OHA welcomes public review and input. Please send written comments by 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, 2025, to jesse.anderson@oha.oregon.gov.

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
State/Territory: OREGON

DEFINITION OF SPECIALIZED SERVICES

Specialized services for PASRR are provided in accordance with 42 CFR 483.120.

Intellectual Disability or developmental Disability and related conditions:

~~For Persons With Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities (MR/DD):~~

Specialized services in nursing facilities (NFs) are services paid solely by State of Oregon funds which increase access to, and participation in, community events and activities, including community-based employment and alternatives to employment (work activity centers, senior centers, etc.). If an individual's physical condition does not permit participation in community-based services, the State will provide specialized services in the NF.

~~For Persons With~~ Mental Illness (MI):

~~Specialized services are generally not offered in NFs, but rather in psychiatric units of JCAHO certified hospitals. Each individual's plan of care identifies specific therapies and activities to be delivered on a continuous basis (24 hour day) to treat acute episodes of serious mental illness. Interdisciplinary teams of qualified mental health professionals (each including a physician) develop, implement and supervise the individual's services. The goal of the individual plan of care is to return the individual to his or her maximal level of functioning so that they can be maintained by less intensive services.~~

Specialized services for mental illness -are specific therapies and activities for the treatment of persons experiencing a mental illness, to improve his or her level of independent functioning and, achieving a level that permits reduction in the intensity of mental health symptoms. The nursing facility may provide these services directly or arrange for their provision with private sector practitioners or community mental health programs. These therapies and services could include individual and or group therapy, skill building therapy, community integration, case management, Psychiatric medication management, peer delivered services, psychoeducation, staff education and training.