



**Date:** December 20, 2022

**To:** Coordinated care organizations

**From:** Dave Inbody, CCO Operations director

**Subject:** Update about palliative care program in 2023 contract

This communication is regarding the following language in the [2023](#) coordinated care organization (CCO) contract:

**Exhibit B, Part 2 – Covered and Non-Covered Services**  
**Section 2, Provision of Covered Services**  
**Paragraph h**

Contractor shall participate in the palliative care program described in Enrolled Oregon House Bill 2981 (2021) and as specified in the applicable OARs. OHA will provide Contractor with Administrative Notice for the effective date for the program if later than January 1, 2023. OHA will make a reasonable effort to provide such notice at least sixty (60) days prior to the effective date but shall not be in breach of the Contract if such notice is provided with fewer days' notice.

At this time, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) anticipates that the palliative care program will begin *no earlier than* April 1, 2023.

OHA will provide CCOs with more information about the program, including the associated Rules Advisory Committee, in the coming weeks.

**Questions?**

If you have questions about this communication, please contact Cheryl Henning, CCO Contracts Administrator, at [Cheryl.L.Henning@dhsaha.state.or.us](mailto:Cheryl.L.Henning@dhsaha.state.or.us).

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