

Public notice

OHA is submitting a State Plan Amendment to increase Nursing Facility Ventilator Assisted Program (VAP) rate

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The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is submitting an expedited State Plan Amendment to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to increase Oregon Medicaid's Nursing Facility Ventilator Assisted Program (VAP) rate from 200% of the basic nursing facility rate to 235%.

Oregon is requesting a retroactive effective date of March 20, 2020 as it relates to reimbursement.

Background

As part of Oregon's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Human Services, Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) hopes this Medicaid rate increase alleviates costs to nursing facilities and increases ventilator access to Oregonians. None of these changes will result in a loss of services for consumers.

The estimated state and federal fund impact for remainder of the calendar year 2020 is \$848,673.

How to comment:

OHA welcomes public input; however, due to the urgent nature of this issue OHA will submit the SPA as soon as possible (no later than March 31, 2020). Please send written comments to jesse.anderson@dhsaha.state.or.us (fax 503-947-1119).

OHA will review and consider all comments received for possible changes to VAP coverage once the urgent nature of this issue subsides.