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Public notice

Request for comment – OHA proposes to amend the Medicaid State Plan to include lactation consultants as a provider type for Medicaid services

Date: March 18, 2020

Contact: Jesse Anderson, State Plan manager

Comments due: 5 p.m. April 16, 2020

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to include lactation consultants as a provider type for Medicaid services.

Background:

[House Bill 2503](#) (2017 Regular Session) allows OHA's Health Licensing Office to license lactation consultants who meet specific qualifications, including verified standing as an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant.

Currently OHA may pay for lactation consultations only when performed by medical professionals in a hospital setting. To expand coverage to OHA-licensed lactation consultants as permitted by HB 2503, OHA is adding them as an eligible provider type in Oregon's Medicaid State Plan.

OHA estimates the federal fiscal Impact to be:

- \$9,513 for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2020
- \$62,392 for FFY 2021

How to comment:

OHA welcomes public review and input. Please send written comments by 5 p.m. Thursday, April 16, 2020, to jesse.anderson@dhsosha.state.or.us (fax 503-947-1119).

OHA will review and consider all comments received for the submission of the State Plan Amendment to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).