

Public notice

Request for comment – OHA plans to implement a dental incentive program for fee-for-service providers, effective January 1, 2019

Date: November 1, 2018

Contact: Jesse Anderson, State Plan manager

Comments due: 5 p.m. Friday, November 30, 2018

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) plans to implement a dental incentive program, effective January 1, 2019. The program's primary goal is to increase access to preventive dental care for Oregon Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) members.

As described in the proposed [Medicaid State Plan Amendment](#), FFS dental providers will be able to qualify for the following payment incentives for dates of service from January 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. OHA estimates this change will increase federal expenditures by \$112,000 in fiscal year 2019 and \$147,000 in 2020.

Type	Qualifying events	Incentive amount
Access (Tier 1)	Serve five (5) new Medicaid patients, and Provide at least one preventive service to each new patient.	\$200 per patient (\$1,000 total)
Access (Tier 2)	Serve an additional twenty (20) new Medicaid patients, and Provide at least one preventive service to each new patient.	\$50 per patient (\$1,000 total)
Quality (Tier 3)	Increase preventive service utilization of all Medicaid patients at the practice location by ten (10) percentage points.	\$1,000 total

Background:

Like many other states, Oregon has historically considered dental coverage an important part of overall health coverage. Dental coverage can reduce avoidable emergency room visits, provide access to treatment of sometimes painful dental diseases, and improve overall health.

Oregon Medicaid members get dental care through coordinated care organizations (CCOs), dental care organizations (DCOs), and the FFS program. The FFS program has only 112 participating providers, with less than half (49 providers) routinely billing for services to members.

How to comment:

OHA welcomes public review and input. Please send written comments by 5 p.m. Friday, November 30, 2018, to jesse.anderson@dhsoha.state.or.us (fax 503-947-1119).