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## Public notice

Request for comment – OHA proposes to amend the Medicaid State Plan to include the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics Demonstration as a state plan program

**Date:** April 11, 2019

**Contact:** Jesse Anderson, State Plan manager

**Comments due:** 5 p.m. Friday, May 17, 2019

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The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) intends to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to add Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) as recognized Medicaid providers. This action would allow the CCBHC program to continue after the current CCBHC Demonstration ends on June 30, 2019.

The CCBHC program aligns with Oregon's broader health care transformation efforts, enabling Oregon to provide more integrated and supportive behavioral health care for Oregonians. OHA is taking steps to continue and build on this progress.

### Background:

The federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration awarded Oregon a planning grant to participate in a two-year CCBHC Demonstration. The Demonstration began July 1, 2017 and ends June 30, 2019.

CCBHCs are designed to provide a comprehensive range of community-based mental health and substance use disorder services to vulnerable individuals. In return, CCBHCs receive an enhanced Medicaid reimbursement rate based on their anticipated costs of expanding services to meet the needs of these complex populations.

If the Medicaid State Plan amendment is approved, the program would operate just as it did during the Demonstration phase using the same provider criteria and payment mechanism.

To learn more about CCBHCs, visit [www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/BHP/Pages/Community-BH-Clinics.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/BHP/Pages/Community-BH-Clinics.aspx).

### How to comment:

OHA welcomes public review and input. Please send written comments by 5 p.m. Friday, May 17, 2019, to [jesse.anderson@dhs.oh.state.or.us](mailto:jesse.anderson@dhs.oh.state.or.us) (fax 503-947-1119).

After considering all comments received, OHA will submit the State Plan Amendment to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).