

Memorandum

To: Coordinated care organizations and Oregon Health Plan providers

From: Emma Sandoe, PhD, MPH, Medicaid Director

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Subject: Ensuring Oregon Health Plan coverage of medical grade formula

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) would like to remind coordinated care organizations (CCOs) and providers serving children with high needs that children who qualify, and meet the eligibility criteria, can receive medical grade formula and oral nutritional supplements through Oregon Health Plan (OHP) as the primary payer before the Women's, Infant and Children (WIC) program. This includes formula and supplements administered orally and/or via tube feeding.

Why is this happening?

OHP is the primary payer for formulas covered by both OHP and WIC, as noted in [Oregon Administrative Rule \(OAR\) 410-148-0100\(6\)](#). This rule aligns with federal regulations in [7 CFR 246.10\(e\)\(3\)\(vi\)](#) and federal guidance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in [WIC Policy Memorandum #2015-07, EO Guidance Document #FNS-GD-2015-0044](#).

In addition:

- If the federal government shutdown continues, WIC funding may pause in mid-November.
- If that happens, OHP coverage can help children keep these critical nutrition supports.

What you can do.

- **OHP providers:** Request approval for [medically necessary and medically appropriate](#) medical grade formula and nutritional supplements from the child's CCO or OHA. If you are unsure whether OHP coverage is approved or which clients receive medical grade formula through WIC, please check with the CCO or OHA.
- **CCOs:** Reach out to providers and support an expedited prior authorization process, as noted in [OAR 410-148-0260](#). As noted in the [January 2024 memo about OHP and WIC](#), please ensure eligible members can access this benefit through OHP as first payer.

Questions?

If you have questions about which members are receiving medical formula or nutrition supplements from WIC, please reach out to Julie Reeder, WIC Integration Team Manager at julie.a.reeder@oha.oregon.gov.

If you have questions about OHP (Medicaid) coverage, please reach out to Medicaid.Programs@odhsoha.oregon.gov.