Webinar Series

Oregon School-Based Health Services (SBHS) Medicaid Program Expansion

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New Services and Practitioners to Support More Students

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Session Objectives

By the end of the session, participants will achieve the following:

- Learn about the Oregon School-Based Health Services (SBHS) Medicaid Program, including the program purpose and goals.

- Gain a better understanding of the recent SBHS Medicaid Program expansion, including new health services and practitioners that are now billable under the program.

- Hear about the upcoming learning and strategic communication opportunities from OHA and ODE.

Webinar Agenda

- Welcome and Opening

- SBHS Medicaid Program Overview

- Program Expansion Updates and Highlights (OARs)
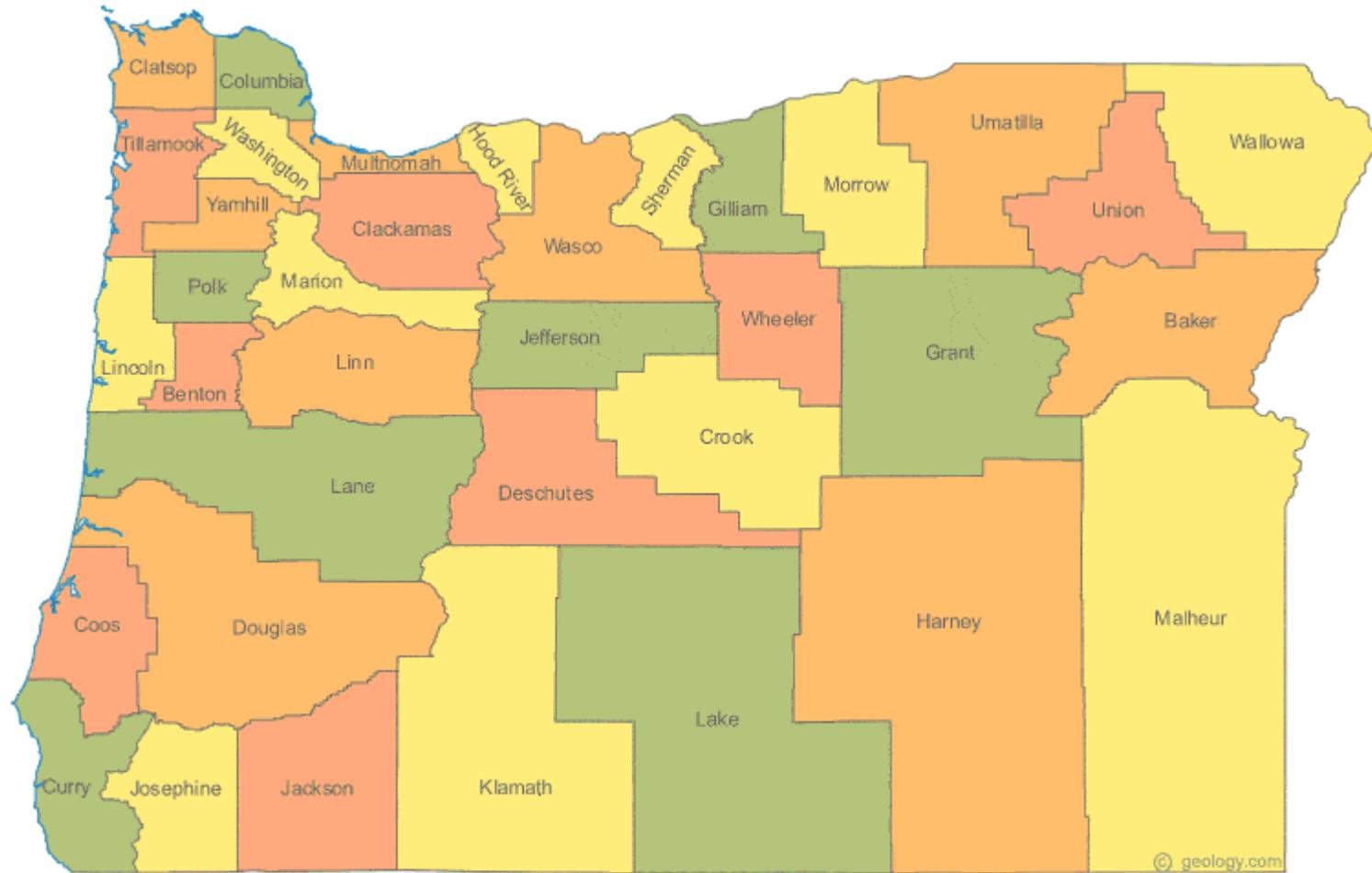
- SBHS Professional Learning and Supports

Which best describes your agency's participation in the SBHS Medicaid Program?

- My school district, education service district, or EI/ECSE program has recently started participating.

- My school district, education service district, or EI/ECSE program has been participating for several years.

- My school district, education service district, or EI/ECSE program is interested in participating.

Poll Question

Where are you?

SBHS Medicaid Program Overview

Oregon SBHS Medicaid Program

- This is a cost-sharing program that allows reimbursement for eligible health-related services.

- OHA administers the program, including rules and regulations.

- ODE provides support to education agencies for efficient and sustainable billing.

- OHA and ODE partner to provide technical assistance and guidance for school districts and programs.

Opportunity in Oregon

Federal statutes require that school districts provide health services if needed by a student to access their free appropriate public education.

- School Medicaid billing can offset the costs incurred in providing these services.

- Medicaid reimbursement is flexible, and it may be used to fund additional health services staff, purchase health service supplies and assistive technology, fund specialized transportation and teaching materials, etc.

Covered Services

- **Evaluation and Assessment**
- Care Coordination and Referrals
- Assistive Technology Services
- Audiology Services
- **Behavioral Health Services**
- **Dental Services**
- **Diagnostic, Screening, Preventive, and Developmental and Rehabilitative Services**
- Nursing Services

- Occupational Therapy Services
- Personal Care Services
- Physical Therapy Services
- Physician Services
- Specialized Transportation Services
- Speech-Language Pathology Services
- **Covered Services Delivered via Telehealth**

Setting Up Your Program

- **Enrollment:** Education agencies will need to have separate enrollments as School Medicaid providers — one for IDEA services and one for non-IDEA services.

- **Notification and Consent:** Education agencies need to provide written notification and obtain parent consent.

- **Individual Plan of Care (IPOC):** IEPs/IFSPs will meet this requirement, but IPOCs are needed for non-IDEA services.

- **Duplication of Services:** Clear processes and protocols are in place to avoid duplication of billing.

- **Cost Setting:** SBHS Medicaid cost setting is due January 31 each year.

Supports

- Oregon has seen an increase in the number of education agencies interested in billing. ODE and OHA continue to support school districts through:
  - Working to implement expanded billing as allowed by Oregon's updated State Plan Amendment (SPA)
  - Updating the SBHS Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs)
  - Determining what flexibilities the new federal guidance may offer
  - Providing technical assistance, training, and guidance
  - Developing and updating resources and guidance

Program Expansion Timeline

SPA approved by CMS
May 2023

Updating guidance documents and forms
Starting May 2024

Updated OARs adopted
September 6, 2024

Revised OARs to include TSPC-licensed practitioners
Coming in 2025

April to July 2024
Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) updates drafted

July to August 2024
Updated OAR review and feedback

September to December 2024
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Program Expansion Highlights

Individual Plans of Care (IPOCs)

Medically Qualified Practitioners

Qualified Education Agencies

Understanding the Individual Plan of Care (IPOC)

- What is an IPOC?
  - A prescriptive document required for billing Medicaid for school-based health services
  - A general term that may cover a variety of plans

Required Elements

- The effective dates of the IPOC
- The specific child or young adult's name
- The education agency's name
- Each necessary and appropriate health service category, including the nature, extent, or units of service and the therapeutic value for each service

Examples of IPOCs

If all required elements are met, the following plans may serve as an IPOC:

- Individualized Education Program (IEP)

- Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)

- Individualized Healthcare Plan (IHP)

- Any individualized health or behavioral health plan with the required prescriptive elements

504 Consideration

- If you are considering a 504 plan, creating a separate attachment including IPOC required elements, rather than updating the 504 plan, will be a best practice.

Case Example: Nursing Care Plan (1)

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Student: Oliver Twist

8/15/2024 to 8/14/2025

Condition: Type I diabetes mellitus

Care Plan:

- School nurse will ensure Oliver checks his blood glucose levels 3 times per day, 5 days per week, while Oliver is in school.

- All protocols for . . . will be followed (protocols attached).

- [Other services as needed are documented here].

Case Example: Nursing Care Plan (2)

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New Medically Qualified Practitioners

Behavioral Health and Counseling Services

- Licensed Psychiatrist
- Licensed Psychologist
- Psychologist Associate
- Psychology Technician
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)
- Clinical Social Work Associate (CSWA)
- **Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)**
- **Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)**

Dental Health

- **Licensed Dentist**
- **Expanded Practice Dental Hygienist**
- **Licensed Dental Therapist**

Licensed Dietitian (Nutrition and Dietetics)

Other Medically Qualified Practitioners

Nursing and Health Services

- Nurse Practitioner (NP)
- Registered Nurse (RN)
- Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
- Unregulated Assistive Person (UAP)

Physician Services

- Medical Doctor (MD)
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO)
- Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM)
- Physician Assistant (PA)

Rehabilitation and Therapeutic Services

- Licensed Occupational Therapist (OT)
- Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant (COTA)
- Licensed Physical Therapist (PT)
- Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)
- Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP)
- Speech-Language Pathologist Assistant (SLPA)
- Audiologist (AUD)

Qualified Education Agencies

Education agency definition:

Education agency means, for the purposes of these rules, a **public school district**, **EI/ECSE contractor or subcontractor**, **education service district**, or **state institution** providing educational services or transition services to children and young adults, birth through age 21, that receives state or federal funds either directly or by contract or subcontract with the Oregon Department of Education (ODE), that is also considered a local unit of government.

Education Agencies Eligible to Bill

New

- Education Service Districts (ESDs)
  - The district must consent to allow the ESD to bill on the district's behalf.
  - A process is needed to ensure there is not a duplication of service billing.
  - A contract or MOU should be executed to delineate the billing relationship.

Existing

- School Districts
- EI/ECSE Contractors
- State Institutions

IDEA and non-IDEA billing require separate enrollment as School Medicaid providers.

SBHS Professional Learning and Supports

CMS State Grant for School-Based Health Services

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has awarded OHA a $2.5 million CMS State Grant for statewide implementation of Oregon School-Based Health Services, including training, technical assistance, and billing guidance to increase enrollment, claiming, reimbursement, and access for students.

- Grant period:
  July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2027

Goals:

- Increase the number of education agencies enrolled and actively participating in SBHS from 59 to 80.

- Increase federal reimbursement and claiming by 25 percent for covered services provided to students with an IEP/IFSP and to general education students.

- Increase access to health care services for Medicaid- and CHIP-enrolled students.

- Decrease health and education disparities and improve outcomes for Oregon's children and young adults.

CMS State Grant Activities

- Expand state capacity to provide technical assistance (TA) and address infrastructure needs.

- **Develop and implement a training and TA plan that provides support to education agencies to address barriers, challenges, and infrastructure needs to successfully participate in Oregon's SBHS program.**

- Increase engagement with education agencies and partners.

- Implement strategies to generate input, evaluate the SBHS program, guide program improvements, and facilitate increased community engagement.

- Expand access to billing infrastructure for a pilot group of education agencies from 2025 to 2027.

Oregon SBHS Medicaid Program Expansion

Webinar Series

- September 23
  - ✓ *New Services and Practitioners to Support More Students*
- October 21
  - *Enrolling in Oregon's School-Based Health Services (SBHS) Medicaid Program*
- November 18
  - *Individual Plans of Care: Best Practices and New Requirements for Documenting Covered and Expanded Services*
- December 9
  - *School Medicaid Cost Calculations: Best Practices and Key Considerations for Setting Rates for Covered and Expanded Services*

Tools and Resources

- [Oregon Administrative Rules](#)
- [Oregon SBHS Medicaid Program Tipsheets](#)
- [School Medicaid Billing Manual (For School Business Offices)](#)
- [School Medicaid Startup Checklist](#)
- OHA SBHS Monthly Medicaid Discussions
- SBHS Office Hours: second and fourth Tuesday of each month
- Direct technical assistance requests

If you are interested in Monthly Medicaid Discussions or Office Hours, or would like to send a direct TA request, please contact:

- Shelby Parks, School Medicaid Program Analyst, Shelby.Parks@ode.oregon.gov

Tools and Resources Being Updated

October 2024

- School Medicaid Billing Provider Enrollment Form
- Individual Plan of Care Template
- Cost Benefit Analysis and Readiness Assessment Documents
- Parent Consent Written Notification Forms

November 2024

- SBHS Medicaid Cost Worksheet

Beginning of 2026

- School Medicaid Program Manual

Stay in Touch

- School Medicaid listserv

- OHA website

- ODE website

- Medicaid in Education website

- Questions and TA requests

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Q&A