

Oregon's 1115 Medicaid Waiver

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Today's Agenda

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2 | Climate Related Services Overview

3 | Community Capacity Building Funds (CCBF) Update



Key Accomplishments



Accomplishments:

- Received CMS approval of the Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Services Protocol on 02/01.
- HRSN Infrastructure (Community Capacity Building Funds) Protocol and DSHP Claiming Protocol were approved by CMS on 01/05 and 01/19 respectively.
- Received CMS approval of the New Initiatives Implementation Plan on 02/22.
- Climate rules were filed with the Secretary of State (SOS) on 01/23.*
- The CCO Contracting team finished the CCO amendment for both the Medicaid and non-Medicaid contracts for the climate benefit and shared them with CCOs on 01/24.*

*Contracts and rule will be updated with technical changes to align with the CMS-approved HRSN Services Protocol.

Climate Benefit Overview



HRSN Climate Services Overview



Climate (Launching March 2024) - Devices include:

**Air
conditioners** for
heat risks



**Air filtration
devices** to
protect against
wildfire smoke



Mini fridges for
temperature-
controlled
medications



**Portable
heaters** for
winter



**Portable power
supplies** for
home medical
equipment



Who can receive HRSN climate devices?

To qualify for HRSN benefits, individuals must be **a current OHP member** AND:

Be in one or more of the eligible groups:

- An adult or youth discharged within the past year from mental health or substance use disorder Institution for Mental Diseases.
- An adult or youth released within the past year from incarceration.
- Have been involved in the Oregon child welfare system at some point in their life.
- Within the next three months or past nine months, transitioning from Medicaid-only to dual coverage (receiving both Medicaid and Medicare).
- Individuals who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless.
- A young adult, aged 19-26, with Special Healthcare Needs (*starting in 2025*).

In addition to being an OHP member and being part of an eligible group, they also need to meet **additional eligibility criteria depending on which HRSN service they are applying for.**

Eligibility Framework for Climate Devices

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Is a Current OHP Member and Part of an Eligible Group

-  An adult or youth discharged from an IMD.
-  An adult or youth released from incarceration.
-  Involved in the child welfare system.
-  Transitioning from Medicaid-only to dual coverage.
-  At risk of becoming houseless.

2

Has a Clinical Need for a Specific Climate Device



A health condition that is worsened by heat may qualify for an **air conditioner**.



A health condition that is worsened by cold may qualify for a **portable heater**.



A health condition that is worsened by compromised air quality may qualify for an **air filtration device**.



Individuals at risk of power outages and rely on medical devices like ventilators may qualify for a **portable power supply**.



Individuals at risk of power outages and rely on medication requiring temperature control may qualify for a **mini fridge**.

3

Social Need for a Device

OHP members in an Eligible Group with a device-specific clinical need **must also**:

- **Not already have a climate device** sufficient to meet their needs, and
- **Be able to use the device safely** in their primary residence

(Not pictured above: Young Adults with Special Health Care Needs, slated to go live 1/1/25)



Climate Device Limitations

- **Ensuring Members Do Not Already Have a Device Sufficient to Meet Their Needs.** Reasonable efforts are made to determine whether in the last 36 months, the member already has / received a climate device sufficient to meet their medical needs. Members cannot receive a replacement device more than once during a 36-month period.
- **Replacing Filters for Air Filtration Devices (AFDs).** Members are eligible for up to three replacement filters for every 12-month period following delivery of the device.
- **Device Failure.** Most devices should include warranty within one year of device delivery. If outside warranty period, or damage is not covered by warranty, CCOs should replace or repair the device so long as the individual is still eligible for the device.
- **Utility Costs.** Under HRSN, utility costs cannot be paid for. CCOs may be able to help with increased utility costs under “flexible services” or HRS. Other programs may be available for utility assistance.

Health-Related Services (HRS) vs. Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Benefit

- **Climate devices and related services that are not covered as HRSN Services** could be provided to CCO members through CCO Health-Related Services (HRS) Flexible Services (also called Flex Funds by some CCOs).
- HRS is not an option for Open Card OHP members (FFS).
- In addition to using HRS for climate devices, CCOs may also use HRS to address the member's increased utility costs associated with using a climate device. Utility costs are not covered under HRSN services.
- CCOs that bulk purchase climate devices to support emergency response for CCO members may:
 - Report devices provided to non-HRSN CCO eligible members as HRS.
 - Report undistributed devices as HRS only for devices that will be distributed to non-HRSN eligible members in the future.
- Additional information about HRS and CCO HRS guidance is available on [OHA's HRS website](#). For HRS specific questions, please contact the HRS team at Health.RelatedServices@oha.oregon.gov

Waiver Communications

▪ Current resources:

- [1115 Waiver Webpage](#)
- [Waiver Newsletter](#)
- Client Services Call Center Talking Points on HRSN Services

▪ Upcoming resources:

- 1115 Waiver Climate Benefit Webpage
- Climate-Related Supports two-pager
- Climate-Related Supports FAQ
- Member and Provider Journey documents, detailing steps within the HRSN Service Delivery process, tips, and resources



Materials will be translated in OHA's expanded list of languages.

Current Climate Benefit Resources



Where can members go for additional information right now?

- CCO OHP members can check with their [CCO](#) for climate supports through "flexible services."
- OHP members unsure of their CCO can contact the Client Services Unit (1-800-273-0557) or email OHP@odhsoha.oregon.gov.
- Open Card OHP members can reach out to their city or [county](#) to see if local programs are available.

Additional information will be shared in the coming weeks on Oregon's 1115 Medicaid waiver **website**, the **waiver newsletter**, and through webinars in **English** and **Spanish**.

Community Capacity Building Funds



Community Capacity Building Funds

What are Community Capacity Building Funds (CCBF)?

- Oregon has been authorized to spend up to **\$119 million** on Community Capacity Building Funds to support the development and implementation of the Health-Related Social Needs program.
- Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) will administer these funds to eligible community partners.*
- CCOs will be required to use a standardized application and budget request template.
- Eligible Community Partners such as Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and others will be able to apply for and use these funds to support the HRSN program.

*Tribal Governments/Providers will receive a set aside amount of this funding to be administered through a different process

Eligible Groups for Community Capacity Building Funds

Groups that may apply for and receive these funds include but are not limited to:

- Community-based organizations (CBOs)
- Social-service agencies
- Housing agencies and providers
- Food and nutrition service providers
- Case management providers
- Traditional health workers
- Child welfare providers
- City, county, and local government agencies

Please Note: The final list of eligible groups will be finalized with CMS.

Allowable Uses of Community Capacity Building Funds

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has specific allowable uses of CCBF.



Technology

(e.g., new
billing systems)



Development of business or operational practices

(e.g., designing
new workflows)



Workforce development




(e.g., support
for recruiting)



Outreach, education, and convening

(e.g., launching
a new learning
collaborative)

CCBF Application & Funding Disbursement Timeline

Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
CCOs sign agreements with OHA for administration of CCBF												
CCOs outreach to CCBF-eligible providers												
Eligible providers fill out applications and budget requests			Open 3/1		Due 5/31							
CCOs review applications, submit to OHA, and provide funding notifications: Funding notifications to go out in 2 batches: by Aug 1 and by Sept 15								8/1: Funding notification 1	9/15: Funding notification 2			
CCOs disburse funding: approval process will be in 2 batches.								8/31		10/16		
Providers can begin using CCBF												



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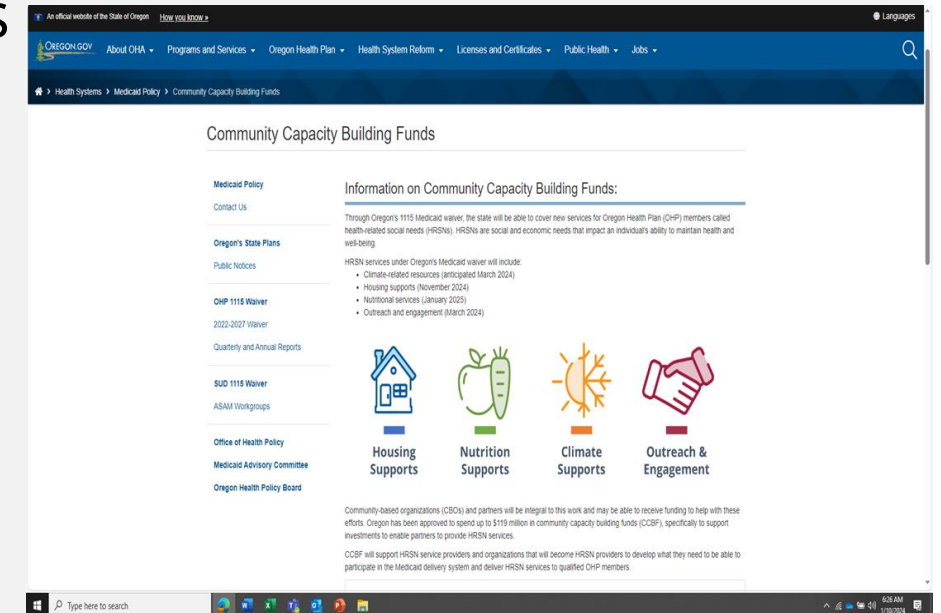
Additional funding windows
will open in 2025

OHA CCBF Website

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/Medicaid-Policy/Pages/CCBF.aspx>

Resources include

- Approved OHA HRSN Infrastructure protocol for CCBF
- CCBF specific email address: CCBF.info@oha.oregon.gov
- CCO CCBF Point of Contacts and webpage links
- CCBF Application template
- CCBF Resources, including
 - Plain language, 2pg CCBF summary*
 - Customizable CCBF flyers
 - FAQ for variety of audiences*



*Available in multiple languages

Questions?



Stay Connected!

Next webinar: **March 20** (English at 10am and Spanish at 2pm)

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