

Basic Health Program Blueprint

Introduction

Section 1331(a) of the Affordable Care Act directs the Secretary to establish a Basic Health Program (BHP) that provides a new option for states to offer health coverage for individuals with family incomes between 133 and 200 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) and for individuals from 0-200 percent FPL who are lawfully present in the United States but do not qualify for Medicaid due to their immigration status. This coverage is in lieu of Marketplace coverage.

States choosing to operate a BHP must submit this BHP Blueprint as an official request for certification of the program.

States operating a BHP enter into contracts to provide standard health plan coverage to eligible individuals. Eligible individuals in such a state could enroll in BHP coverage and would not have access to coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. The amount of the monthly premium and cost sharing charged to eligible individuals enrolled in a BHP may not exceed the amount of the monthly premium and cost sharing that an eligible individual would have paid if he or she were to receive coverage from a qualified health plan (QHP) through the Marketplace. A state that opens a BHP will receive federal funding equal to 95 percent of the premium tax credit (PTC) and the cost-sharing reductions (CSR) that would have been provided to (or on behalf of) eligible individuals, using a methodology set forth in a separate funding protocol based on a methodology set forth in companion rulemaking.

Given the population served under BHP, the program will sit between Medicaid and the Marketplace, and while states will have significant flexibility in how to establish a BHP, the program must fit within this broader construct and be coordinated with other insurance affordability programs. Regulations for the BHP were finalized on March 12, 2014 and are available at <https://www.medicaid.gov/basic-health-program/index.html>.

The BHP Blueprint is intended to collect the design choices of the state and ensure that we have a full understanding of the operations and management of the program and its compliance with the federal rules; it is not intended to duplicate information that we have collected through state applications for other insurance affordability programs. In the event that a State seeks to make a significant change(s) that alter program operations described in the certified Blueprint, the state must submit a revised Blueprint to the Secretary for review and certification.

The BHP Blueprint sections reflect the final rule that codified program establishment standards, eligibility and enrollment, benefits, delivery of health care services, transfer of funds to participating states, and Secretarial oversight relating to BHP.

Acronyms List

BHP	Basic Health Program
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program
CSR	Cost Sharing Reduction
ESI	Employer Sponsored Insurance
EHB	Essential Health Benefits
FPL	Federal Poverty Level
IAP	Insurance Affordability Program
MEC	Minimum Essential Coverage
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
PTC	Premium Tax Credit
QHP	Qualified Health Plan
SHP	Standard Health Plan

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Section 1: Basic Health Program-State Background Information

State Name: Oregon

Program Name (if different than Basic Health Program): Basic Health Program

BHP Blueprint Designated State Contact:

Name: Dana Hittle
Title: Medicaid Director
Phone: Enter phone number
Email: Enter email

Requested Initial Interim Certification Date (if applicable):

Requested Initial Full Certification Date:

Requested Initial Program Effective Date:

Blueprint Revisions:

Revision number	Summary	Effective date	Certification date
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Administrative agency responsible for BHP (“BHP Administering Agency”):

BHP State Administrative Officers:

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Program Administration: (Management, Policy, Oversight)

Position	Title	Location (Agency)	Responsible for:
Dave Baden	Interim Agency Director	Oregon Health Authority	Oversight
Dana Hittle	Medicaid Director	Oregon Health Authority	Management
Shawna McDermott	Interim Health Systems Division Director	Oregon Health Authority	Implementation and administration
Ali Hassoun	Interim Health Policy and Analytics Division Director	Oregon Health Authority	Policy development
Leann Johnson	Division of Equity and Inclusion Director	Oregon Health Authority	Equity and inclusion
Ebony Clark	Behavioral Health Director	Oregon Health Authority	Behavioral health policy
Nate Singer	Oregon Eligibility Program Director	Oregon Department of Human Services	Management of eligibility and enrollment

Program Administration: (Contracting, Eligibility Appeals, Coverage Appeals)

Position	Title	Location (Agency)	Responsible for:
Dave Inbody	CCO Operations Director	Oregon Health Authority	Benefit operations and administration, contract negotiations, appeals
Vivian Levy	Interim Deputy Medicaid Director	Oregon Health Authority	Eligibility policy, service delivery and benefits policy
Jillian Johnson	Oregon Eligibility Partnership Interim Deputy Director	Oregon Department of Human Services	Eligibility and enrollment operations and administration
Derek Muir	Oregon Eligibility Partnership Deputy Director	Oregon Department of Human Services	Eligibility and enrollment operations and administration
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Finance: (Budget, Payments)

Position	Title	Location (Agency)	Responsible for:
Janell Evans	Interim Chief Financial Officer	Oregon Health Authority	Budget
Chelsea Guest	Office of Actuarial and Financial Analysis Director	Oregon Health Authority	Actuarial analysis and rate development
Gregory Tooman	Manager of Office of Forecasting, Research and Analysis	Oregon Health Authority	Forecasting
Shawn Jacobsen	Deputy Controller – Financial Operations	Oregon Department of Human Services	Financial operations
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Governor or Designee: Governor or Designee.

Signature: Enter full name.

Date of Official Submission: Date of official submission

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Section 2: Public Input

TO BE COMPLETED FOLLOWING PUBLIC INPUT

This section of the Blueprint records the state’s method for meeting the public comment process required for Blueprint submission. This section applies only to the current Blueprint submission.

Date public comment period opened: Select date

Date public comment period closed: Select date

Please describe the public comment process used in your state, such as public meetings, legislative sessions/hearing, the use of electronic listservs, etc.:

Provide a list below of the groups/individuals that provided public comment:

If the state has federally recognized tribes, list them below. Provide an assurance that they were included in public comment and note if comments were received.

Federally recognized tribe	State agency solicited input (Indicate with an “X” if input was solicited)	Input received (Indicate with an “X” if input was solicited)
The Burns Paiute Tribe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Confederated Tribes of Siletz.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Confederated Tribes of Umatilla	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coquille Indian Tribe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Klamath Tribes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Provide a brief summary of public comments received and the changes made, if any, in response to public comments:

Section 3: Trust Fund

Please provide the BHP Trust Fund location and relevant account information.

Similar to our accounting of other federal funds, and consistent with state law, the BHP funds will be contained in a separate and distinct fund that rolls up to the state's appropriated fund 6400 (the state's legislatively mandated segregation of funds based on the source of revenue – for this purpose federal funds) as well as a separate grant. Funds will be deposited and expended out of the agency's treasury account listed and named below.

Additional expenditure and revenue codes will be established in order to meet the requirements of OMB A-87, A-133, and 45 C.F.R. Part 75. The BHP funding will be segregated within its distinct fund and would not be comingled with other funding.

Institution:

Oregon Health Authority

Address:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone Number:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Account Name:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Account Number:

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Trustees

Name	Organization	Title	May authorize withdrawals? (Indicate with an “X” if named individual can authorize withdrawals)
Dave Baden	Oregon Health Authority	Interim Agency Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dana Hittle	Oregon Health Authority	Medicaid Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Janelle Evans	Oregon Health Authority	Budget Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kris Kautz	Oregon Health Authority	Chief Operations Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shawn Jacobsen	Deputy Controller – Financial Operations	Oregon Department of Human Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Is anyone other than Trustees indicated above able to authorize withdrawals?

No

If yes, please include the name and title of everyone with this authority.

Name	Organization	Title
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If there is separation between the entity holding the trust fund (“Trustees”) and the entity operating the trust fund, please describe the relationship below. Include the name, and contacts for the entity operating the trust fund. Also include a copy of a written agreement outlining the responsibilities of the entity operating the trust fund.

Name	Organization	Title	Contact
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Please name the CMS primary contact for the BHP trust fund and provide contact information.

CMS Primary Contact Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

CMS Primary Contact Phone: Click or tap here to enter text.

CMS Primary Contact Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

Please describe the process of appointing trustees:

The named appointees are assigned as trustees on the basis of their current positions within OHA. Based on existing procedures and the way the state oversees all financials, including federal funds, the appropriate lead fiscal representatives were named as Trustees for the BHP Fund. This allows the state to follow the same procedures, review, and oversight as is conducted for other state related business.

Provide a list of all responsibilities of Trustees:

The Trustees are assigned based on their current positions within OHA. The Trustees all go through extensive review, interviews, and minimum qualification assessments prior to being hired into their positions. Therefore, all Trustees listed have significant financial responsibility within the state and have the qualifications to make decisions related to this matter. Trustees provide oversight to ensure that all fund expenditures are made in an allowable manner. In addition, trustees will specify individuals with authority to make withdrawals from the fund to make allowable expenditures.

Has the state made any arrangements to insure or indemnify trustees against claims for breaches of fiduciary responsibility?

Yes

If yes, what are they?

Because the Trustees are appointed based on their current employment positions within OHA, they are indemnified against claims of breaches in fiduciary responsibility under Oregon Statutes 30.285.

	Attest that the Agency is immediately ready and able. <small>(Indicate with an "X" to signal attestation.)</small>	Date the Agency commits to being ready to perform task if not immediately able. <small>(mm/dd/yyyy)</small>
Trust Fund Attestation		
The BHP Administering Agency will:		
600.710(a) Maintain an accounting system and fiscal records in compliance with Federal requirements for state grantees, including OMB circulars A-87 and A-133 and applicable federal regulations.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap to enter a date.

Trust Fund Attestation	Attest that the Agency is immediately ready and able. (Indicate with an "X" to signal attestation.)	Date the Agency commits to being ready to perform task if not immediately able. (mm/dd/yyyy)
600.710(b) Obtain an annual certification from the BHP Trustees, the State's CFO, or designee, certifying the state's BHP Trust Fund FY financial statements, and certifying that BHP trust funds are not being used for the non-federal share for any Federally funded program, and that the use of BHP trust funds is otherwise in accordance with Federal requirements (including that use of BHP funds is limited to permissible purposes).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap to enter a date.
600.710(c) Conduct an independent audit of Trust Fund expenditures over a 3-year period in accordance with chapter 3 of GAO's Government Auditing Standards.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap to enter a date.
600.710(d) Publish annual reports on the use of funds within 10 days of approval by the trustees.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap to enter a date.
600.710(e) Establish and maintain BHP Trust Fund restitution procedures.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap to enter a date.
600.710(f) and (g) Retain records for 3 years from the date of submission of a final expenditure report or until the resolution and final actions are completed on any claims, audit or litigation involving the records.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap to enter a date.

Section 4: Eligibility & Enrollment

This section of the Blueprint records the state's choices in determining eligibility procedures for BHP and records assurances that demonstrate comportment with BHP standards. The state must check all pertinent boxes and fill in dates where applicable.

Please name the agency with primary responsibility for the function of performing eligibility determinations:

Attestation	Completed (Indicate with an "X" to signal completion)	If No, Expected Completion Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Marketplace Policy (Indicate with an "X" if Marketplace Policy applies)	Medicaid Policy (Indicate with an "X" if Medicaid Policy applies)
Eligibility Standards				
The state can enroll an individual in a Standard Health Plan who meets ALL of the following standards.	<input type="checkbox"/>	7/1/2024	N/A	N/A
305(a)(1) Resident of the State.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
305(a)(2) Citizen with household income exceeding 133 but not exceeding 200% FPL or lawfully present non-citizen ineligible for Medicaid or CHIP due to immigration status with household income below 200% FPL.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
305(a)(3) Not eligible to enroll in MEC or affordable ESI.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
305(a)(4) Less than 65 years old.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
305(a)(6) Not incarcerated other than during disposition of charges.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Application Activities				
310(a) Single streamlined application includes relevant BHP information.	<input type="checkbox"/>	7/1/2024	N/A	N/A
310(b) Application assistance, including being accessible to persons who are limited English proficient and persons who have disabilities consistent with 42 CFR435.905(b), is equal to Medicaid.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap to enter a date.	N/A	N/A
310(c) State is permitting authorized representatives; indicate which standards will be used.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap to enter a date.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
315 State is using certified application counselors; indicate which standards will be used.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap to enter a date.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Attestation	Completed (Indicate with an "X" to signal completion)	If No, Expected Completion Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Marketplace Policy (Indicate with an "X" if Marketplace Policy applies)	Medicaid Policy (Indicate with an "X" if Medicaid Policy applies)
Eligibility Determinations and Enrollment				
320(c) Indicate the standard used to determine the effective date for eligibility.	<input type="checkbox"/>	7/1/2024	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
320(d) Indicate the enrollment policy used in BHP (the open and special enrollment periods of the Exchange OR the continuous enrollment process of Medicaid).	<input type="checkbox"/>	7/1/2024	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
335(b) Indicate the standard used for applicants to appeal an eligibility determination.	<input type="checkbox"/>	7/1/2024	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
340(c) Indicate the standard used to redetermine BHP eligibility.	<input type="checkbox"/>	7/1/2024	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
345 Indicate the standard to verify the eligibility of applicants for BHP.	<input type="checkbox"/>	7/1/2024	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Note: N/A = Not applicable; indicates that there are no choices available.

1. Please indicate whether the state will implement continuous eligibility and redetermine enrollees every 12 months as long as enrollees are under 65, not enrolled in alternative MEC and remain state residents.

Yes

If no, please explain redetermination standards. (These standards must be in compliance with 42 CFR 600.340(f).)

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2. Please list the standards established by the state to ensure timely eligibility determinations. (These standards must be in compliance with 42 CFR 435.912 exclusive of 435.912(c)(3)(i)).

The integrated ONE system is designed with several automations to ensure timely eligibility determinations. For example, tasks are automatically assigned a priority level, which impacts the order in which tasks are worked by staff. Task priority levels are defined by levels 1 thru 3, with level 1 being the highest priority and 3 being the lowest. Tasks can change in priority depending on the case status and timelines. For example, new application tasks created for individuals without benefits are a P1. Tasks related to renewals begin at a P3 but move up in priority (and therefore the task queue) closer to the renewal date. Each task is also automatically assigned a due date and will move up in priority as it gets closer to the due date. Written requests for information (RFI) are also automatically assigned a due date to provide sufficient time for individuals to respond and for the agency to process the response in order to meet the processing timeframe requirements.

In addition to task logic, ONE is programmed to automatically run eligibility and authorize benefits in several situations, including but not limited to:

- Deny/discontinue medical when information requested has not been received by the due date (RFI and missing information batches)
- Deny medical when it is dependent on a long-term care request and a valid service record has not been received by the 45th day
- Reasonable compatibility income verification used for MAGI and non-MAGI programs

3. Please describe the state's process and timeline for incorporating BHP into the eligibility service in the state including the State's Marketplace (if applicable). Include pertinent time-frames and any contingencies that will be used until system changes (if necessary) can be made.

Oregon's eligibility system (ONE) determines eligibility for a variety of benefit programs, including Medicaid, TANF cash assistance, SNAP, and more. BHP eligibility will be incorporated into this system as a new eligibility category for health benefits delivered by the Oregon Health Plan. The ONE system is already capable of determining Medicaid eligibility for people who apply for health insurance coverage through the state's health insurance Marketplace and would similarly determine BHP eligibility for these individuals.

Oregon plans to implement the first phase of the BHP in July 2024, and will make modifications to existing eligibility and enrollment systems and Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) in 2023 and 2024 to accommodate the changes. Specific timelines for these system changes are not yet determined.

4. Please describe the process the state is using to coordinate BHP eligibility and enrollment with other IAPs in such a manner as to ensure seamlessness to applicants and enrollees.

Oregon will coordinate BHP eligibility and enrollment procedures with the Marketplace in the same manner as the state currently does for Medicaid coverage.

5. If the state is submitting a transition plan in accordance with 600.305(b), please describe the transition plan in the box below. The plan must include dates by which the state intends to complete transition processes and convert to full implementation.

Oregon intends to implement a Basic Health Program in two phases. Phase 1 of this process would begin July 2024 and would cover only people moving into the BHP from Medicaid. In the second phase, Oregon would move to full implementation of the BHP beginning January 1, 2025.

Due to federal Continuous Eligibility provisions enacted for Medicaid enrollees during the pandemic, many people have maintained Medicaid coverage despite income gains that would otherwise make them ineligible for coverage. As part of Oregon's redetermination strategy during the CE-unwinding period, Oregon is creating a new, temporary Medicaid eligibility category to cover people with income between 138-200% FPL. This temporary eligibility category will enable Oregon to identify current Medicaid enrollees who will be eligible for the BHP when it launches in 2024, and to keep them covered by the same health plans that will operate the BHP.

When Oregon launches Phase 1 of the BHP, people who've remained on Medicaid with income between 138-200% FPL will have eligibility evaluated again, and those eligible will be moved into the Basic Health Program. When Phase 2 launches, people with income below 200% FPL with Marketplace coverage will also be eligible to apply for, and enroll in the BHP, along with eligible individuals who lack health coverage.

Section 5: Standard Health Plan Contracting

This portion of the Blueprint collects information about the service delivery system that will be used in the state as well as how the state plans to contract within that system.

Delivery Systems

1. Please assure that standard health plans from at least two offerors are available to enrollees.
2. If applicable, please describe any additional activities the state will use to further ensure choice of standard health plans to BHP enrollees.

Not applicable

3. If the state is not able to assure choice of at least two standard health plan offerors as described in question 1, please attach the state's exception request. This exception request must include a justification as to why it cannot assure choice of standard health plan offeror and demonstrate that it has reviewed its competitive contracting process in accordance with 42 CFR 600.420(a)(i) - (iii).

To ensure continuity of coverage and care for people 0-200% FPL, the Oregon Basic Health Program will be administered by Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs), Oregon's Medicaid managed care entities. A CCO is a network of all types of health care providers (physical health care, addictions and mental health care and dental care providers) who work together in their local communities to serve people who receive Medicaid coverage. The CCO model therefore promotes local organizations collaborating with one another as opposed to fostering competition. Accordingly, while some regions of the state have more than one CCO, most do not. However, while most regions of the state have a single CCO, nearly half of all Medicaid members are in areas with CCO choice. Because Oregon seeks to capitalize on the success of the CCO model, the state is proposing to utilize the existing CCO network and requests an exception to 42 CFR 600.420(a)(i) - (iii).

4. Is the state participating in a regional compact?

No

IF YES, please answer questions 5 - 9. If no, please skip questions 5 - 9.

5. Please indicate the other states participating in the regional compact.

N/A

6. Are there specific areas within the participating states that the standard health plans will operate? If yes, please describe.

N/A

7. If a state contracts for the provision of geographically specific standard health plans, please describe how it will assure that enrollees, regardless of location within the state, have choice of at least two standard health plan offerors. Please indicate plans by area.

N/A

8. Please assure that the regional compact's competitive contracting process complies with the requirements set forth in 42 CFR 600.410.
9. If applicable, please indicate any variations in benefits, premiums and cost sharing, and contracting requirements that may occur as a result of regional differences between the participating regional compact states.

N/A

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Contracting Process

States must respond to all of the following assurances. If the state has requested an exception to the competitive process for 2015, the State is providing the following assurances with regard to how it will conduct contracting beginning in program year 2016.

The State assures that it has or will:

(These are mandatory elements. Each box below must be checked to approve Blueprint.)

	Assurance: (Indicate with an "X" to signal assurance)
Conducted the contracting process in a manner providing full and open competition including:	
45 CFR 92.36(b) Following its own procurement standards in conformance with applicable federal law.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
45 CFR 92.36(c) Conducting the procurement in a manner providing full and open competition .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
45 CFR 92.36(d) Using permitted methods of procurement.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
45 CFR 92.36(e) Contracting with small, minority and women owned firms to the greatest extent possible.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
45 CFR 92.36(f) Providing a cost or price analysis in connection with every procurement action.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
45 CFR 92.36(g) Making available the Technical specifications for review .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
45 CFR 92.36(h) Following policies for minimum bonding requirements .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
45 CFR 92.36(i) Including all the required contract terms in all executed contracts.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Included a negotiation of the following elements:	
Premiums and cost sharing. (N/A)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Benefits.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Innovative features, such as:	
– Care coordination and care management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
– Incentives for the use of preventive services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
– Maximization of patient involvement in health care decision making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
– Other (specify below) Click or tap here to enter text.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meeting health care needs of enrollees.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Included criteria in the competitive process to ensure:	
Local availability of and access to providers to ensure the appropriate number, mix and geographic distribution to meet the needs of the anticipated number of enrollees in the service area so that access to services is at least sufficient to meet the standards applicable under 42 CFR Part 438, Subpart D, or 45 CFR 156.230 and 156.235.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	Assurance: (Indicate with an "X" to signal assurance)
Use of managed care or a similar process to improve the quality accessibility, appropriate utilization and efficiency of services provided to enrollees.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Development and use of performance measures and standards.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Coordination between other Insurance Affordability Programs.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Measures to address fraud, waste and abuse and ensure consumer protections.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Established protections against discrimination including:	
Safeguards against any enrollment discrimination based on pre-existing condition, other health status related factors, and comply with the nondiscrimination standards set forth at 42 CFR 600.165.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Established a Medical Loss Ratio of at least 85% for any participating health insurance issuer.	
The minimum standard is reflected in contracts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Standard Health Plan Contracting Requirements

States are required to include the standard set of contract requirements that will be incorporated into its Standard Health Plan contracts. Please reproduce in the text box below. Standard Health Plan contracts are required to include contract provisions addressing network adequacy, service provision and authorization, quality and performance, enrollment procedures, disenrollment procedures, noticing and appeals, and provisions protecting the privacy and security of personally identifiable information. However, we have given states a "safe harbor" option of reusing either approved Medicaid or Exchange contracting standards. If the state has adopted this safe harbor, it may fulfill this requirement by simply indicating that Medicaid or Exchange contracting standards will be used.

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Medicaid contracting standards will be used.

Coordination of Health Care Services

Please describe how the state will ensure coordination for the provision of health care services to promote enrollee continuity of care between BHP and Medicaid, CHIP, the Exchange and any other state administered health insurance programs.

Oregon's decision to deliver the Basic Health Program through the same managed care plans that serve Medicaid/CHIP members (called Coordinated Care Organizations, or CCOs) is designed to ensure continuity of care for enrollees moving between Medicaid/CHIP and the BHP. Using the same health plans will enable people to move seamlessly between programs when income fluctuates without actually navigating a change in plan enrollment or needing to identify new providers or sources of care. This decision is being made in order to accomplish one of Oregon's key policy objectives related to the BHP, which is to reduce churn and improve continuity of care for people leaving Medicaid.

Oregon will utilize a variety of strategies to ensure continuity of care when people move between the BHP and Marketplace-based coverage, based on how Oregon currently works to facilitate transitions between Medicaid and the Marketplace and on the state's strategies to connect people leaving Medicaid to Marketplace plans during the unwinding of federal continuous coverage provisions.

During the redetermination process, Oregon will perform extra work to connect people leaving Medicaid to a Marketplace plan that includes providers they regularly have used in the preceding 12-months. Oregon will examine claims/utilization data on members leaving Medicaid and being directed to the Marketplace to identify their regular sources of care. The Marketplace is then contracting with an outside vendor that provides eligibility processing and call center support to determine which Marketplace plans include the providers that they've used in the last year, and would then identify the lowest cost silver plans that include these providers. While this is a new effort being developed as part of our redetermination strategy, Oregon intends to duplicate this strategy to the extent possible upon the implementation of the BHP. Oregon has additionally been working with community-based organizations and partner agents who provide equity-focused outreach and enrollment assistance that focuses on the unique needs of members from communities that disproportionately experience social and health inequities.

Oregon's use of the HealthCare.gov Marketplace platform limits the state's ability to directly transfer complete member account files (that include pre-populated applications) between systems. For instance, while Marketplace enrollees who become eligible for the BHP when going through the open enrollment process may have complete information transferred directly to Oregon's ONE eligibility system that will process BHP applications, Oregon is not able to transfer complete information to HealthCare.gov in a manner that establishes a Marketplace application for members. Oregon will seek to add this capability to any state-based marketplace technology that is

considered in future years.

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Section 6: Premiums and Cost-sharing

This section of the Blueprint collects information from the state documenting compliance with requirements for establishing premiums and cost-sharing. Additionally, it provides CMS general information about the states planned premium and cost sharing structures and administration.

Premiums

Premium Assurances

The State assures that (check all that apply):

- The monthly premium imposed on any enrollee does not exceed the monthly premium the individual would have been required to pay had he/she been enrolled in the applicable benchmark plan as defined in the tax code.
- When determining premiums, the State has taken into account reductions in the premium resulting from the premium tax credit that the enrollee would have been paid if he/she were in the Exchange.
- It will make the amount of premiums for all standard health plans available to any member of the public either through posting on a website or upon request. Additionally, enrollees will be notified of premiums at the time of enrollment, reenrollment or when premiums change, along with ways to report changes in income that might affect premiums.

Please provide the web address or other source for public access to premiums.

Web Address:

N/A

Other Source:

N/A – Oregon will not charge monthly premiums for members enrolled in the Basic Health Program

Please describe:

1. The group(s) of enrollees subject to premiums, including any variation by FPL, and the applicable premiums.

No members will be subject to monthly premium to enroll in the BHP

2. The collection method and procedure for the payment of premiums.

No premiums will be collected

3. The consequences for an enrollee or applicant who does not pay a premium, including grace periods and re-enrollment procedures.

N/A – no monthly premiums

Cost-Sharing

Cost-Sharing Assurances

The State assures that (check all that apply):

- Cost sharing imposed on enrollees meets the standards imposed by 45 CFR 156.420(c), 45 CFR 156.420(e), 45 CFR 156.420(a)(1) and 45 CFR 156.420(a)(2).
- Cost sharing for Indians meets the standards of 45 CFR 156.420(b)(1) and (d).
- The State has not imposed cost sharing for preventive health services or items as defined in accordance with 45 CFR 147.130.
- The State has provided the amount and type of cost-sharing for each standard health plan that is applicable to every income level either on a public website or upon request to any member of the public, and specifically to applicants at the time of enrollment, reenrollment or when cost-sharing and coverage limitations change, along with ways to report changes in income that might affect cost-sharing amounts.

Please provide the web address or other source for public access to cost-sharing rules.

Web Address:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Other Source:

N/A – no co-payments or other cost sharing will be charged to BHP enrollees

Please describe:

1. The group(s) subject to cost sharing.

No groups will be subject to cost sharing

2. All copayments, co-insurance, and deductibles, by service.

No co-payments, co-insurance, or deductibles will apply to any service.

3. The system in place to monitor compliance with cost-sharing protections described above.

N/A – no cost sharing in program

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Disenrollment Procedures for Non-Payment of Premiums

N/A

Has the state elected to offer the enrollment periods equal to the Exchange defined at 45 CFR 155.410 and 420?

Choose Yes or No

If yes, check the box on the right to indicate the state assures that it will comply with the premium grace periods standards at 45 CFR 156.270 prior to disenrollment and that it will not restrict reenrollment beyond the next open enrollment period.

If no, check the box on the right to indicate the state assures that it is providing a minimum grace period of 30 days for the payment of any required premium prior to disenrollment and that it will comply with reenrollment standards set forth in 457.570(c).

If the state is offering continuous enrollment and is imposing a premium lock-out period, the lock-out period in number of days is:

Enter number of days.

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Section 7: Operational Assessment

The State assures that it can or will be able to:

	Full Assurance (Indicate with an "X" to signal assurance)	Contingent Assurance (Indicate with an "X" to signal assurance)
Eligibility and Renewals		
Accept an application online, via paper and via phone and provide in alternative formats in accordance with 42 CFR §600.310(b).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Return an accurate and timely eligibility result for all BHP eligible applicants.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Process a reported change and redetermine eligibility.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comply with the ex-parte renewal process.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issue an eligibility notice and share such notice with CMS.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issue a renewal notice and share such notice with CMS.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to terminate/disenroll from BHP for a variety of reasons, such as reaching age 65, obtaining MEC.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issue termination/disenrollment notice to enrollees.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Benefits and Cost-Sharing [N/A]		
Exempt American Indians from Cost-sharing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Apply appropriate cost-sharing amounts to enrollees subject to cost-sharing limits.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Premium Payment and Plan Enrollment		
Issue an accurate and timely premium invoice. [N/A]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Receipt and apply the premium payment correctly. [N/A]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notify enrollee of health plan choices and complete plan enrollment.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issue a health plan disenrollment notice.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coordinate enrollment with other Insurance Affordability Programs		
Transfer accounts and provide notification in accordance with 42 CFR 600.330(c) through (e).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Contingency Descriptions

Please describe the contingency or dependency that limit full assurance.

Oregon's assurance that it will return timely eligibility results is contingent on eligibility workforce staffing and staffing of appropriate office and training supports. Oregon is currently experiencing longer-than-normal timelines for eligibility determination that cannot be processed electronically. Furthermore, prior to the launch of the BHP, Oregon will be undergoing a substantial eligibility redetermination of all Medicaid enrollees to unwind federal continuous eligibility provisions in place since early 2020.

Oregon is preparing to implement two-year continuous Medicaid eligibility, which will alleviate some of the workload currently placed on Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Department of Human Services staff. However, because preliminary enrollment forecasts suggest that Oregon will not reduce to pre-pandemic Medicaid enrollment, additional staffing will be needed to support the new Basic Health Program enrollment process. Both agencies have requested funding from the legislature for additional staff for this purpose.

In the first two years of full BHP implementation, Oregon's ability to return timely eligibility determinations for all new applicants may also be dependent on timely receipt of individuals' information from Healthcare.gov for people previously enrolled in marketplace plans who will instead move to the BHP. Oregon will work with CMS to ensure appropriate data can be transferred to ensure a timely eligibility determination for people coming directly from Marketplace coverage.

Note that Oregon's indication of contingent assurance regarding returning an accurate and timely eligibility result for all BHP applicants is with respect to timeliness, not accuracy. Oregon will rely on the ONE system to develop the BHP eligibility system, which will ensure accuracy.

Please describe any mitigation steps that will be in place and the date by which a full assurance will be possible.

Full assurance will be in place prior to Oregon's launch of the BHP in January 2025 and Oregon will be hiring staff and implementing systems changes in late-2023 and 2024 to prepare for implementation.

Section 8: Standard Health Plan

This final section of the BHP Blueprint is a benefits description that allows a state to define the standard health plan(s) that will be offered under the BHP. The standard health plan is the set of benefits, including limitations on those benefits for which a state will contract. States are required by statute to offer the Essential Health Benefits (EHB) that are equally required in the Marketplace. States are also required to define those benefits using any of the base-benchmark or reference plans set forth at 45 CFR 156.100 (which could be a different base-benchmark or reference plan than is used for Marketplace or for Medicaid purposes). The benefits description below maps the base-benchmark plan to the EHB categories.

The Blueprint will not be a complete submission without the benefits description below defining the standard health plan offered under BHP.

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Standard Health Plan

State Name: Choose an item.

Transmittal Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Benefits description

The state is proposing to use a CMS approved EHB based plan.

Choose Yes or No.

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Section 9: Secretarial Certification

Interim Certification:

Secretary/Secretary's Designee

Click or tap here to enter text.

Director

Center for Medicaid and CHIP services

Date of Official Interim Certification: Click or tap to enter a date.

Implementation Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

Full Certification:

Secretary/Secretary's Designee

Click or tap here to enter text.

Director

Center for Medicaid and CHIP services

Date of Official Full Certification: Click or tap to enter a date.

Implementation Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

Revised Certification:

Secretary/Secretary's Designee

Click or tap here to enter text.

Director

Center for Medicaid and CHIP services

Date of Revised Certification: Click or tap to enter a date.

Implementation Date: Click or tap to enter a date.