

Oral Health Access Framework: Overview and Committee Work Plan

The Oregon Health Authority is uniquely positioned to work with CCOs and across divisions (Health Policy and Analytics, Health Systems Delivery, and Public Health) to coordinate activities to improve oral health outcomes for Oregonians. Recently, OHA expanded the capacity of its cross-divisional oral health program, with the hire of its first Dental Director, Dr. Bruce Austin (2015).

During the summer of 2016, OHA will commence an oral health strategic planning process to develop a coordination and alignment roadmap for oral health work across the agency: the OHA Oral Health Strategic Plan (OHA Strategic Plan). The OHA Strategic Plan will incorporate and build on:

- OHA-specific priorities and strategies in existing internal/external oral health plans, including the statewide [Strategic Plan for Oral Health in Oregon: 2014-2020](#) (Oregon Oral Health Coalition/Oregon Health Authority/Oral Health Funders Collaborative) and the [State Health Improvement Plan: 2015-2019](#) (OHA Public Health Division); and
- Emerging oral health priorities and strategies in the context of Oregon's Health System Transformation 2.0 efforts and other broad agency priorities, such as OHA's 10 priority areas, and Oregon's renewal of its 1115 waiver.

Oregon's Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) has the opportunity to inform OHA's ongoing strategic planning efforts with regard to oral health. Specifically, OHA has asked MAC to recommend a **framework** for defining and assessing oral health access for OHP members by addressing two foundational questions:

1. What are the key factors that influence access to oral health care for OHP members (i.e. how should Oregon define access)?
2. What key data could be used to assess access to oral health services for OHP members (i.e. how should Oregon monitor access to oral health in Medicaid)?

The committee will review this issue in May-September of 2016 and will submit its recommendations to OHA by October 1st, 2016. The Committee's recommended framework around access to oral health for OHP enrollees will be incorporated into the OHA Oral Health Strategic Plan, which will be released by the end of 2016.

Date (2016)	Task Description
<p style="text-align: center;">May 25 (MAC Mtg.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce OHA request to develop the framework for assessing oral health access in OHP and committee work plan; present background on oral health for adults in Medicaid, summary of oral health delivery system in Medicaid, and summary of OHA strategic priorities and initiatives. <i>Committee approved creating an Oral Health Work Group to advise the committee on dental access framework.</i>

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June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment for Oral Health Work Group.
June 22 (MAC Mtg.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAC approve <i>Oral Health Work Group</i> committee roster.
July 7 (Oral Health Work Group)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentations on national/state model definitions and factors. <i>Work Group</i> consider factors that help/hinder oral health access. Develop a working definition of access.
July 27 (MAC Mtg.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Work Group</i> present list of key factors influencing access for OHP members and working definition of access. <i>Dental Access Work Group</i> present prioritized list of key measures for committee consideration.
August 11 (Oral Health Work Group)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentations on model metrics/measures from dental work groups, strategic plans, national sources. <i>Work Group</i> Develop and prioritize list of key data influencing access for OHP members.
August/September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Staff</i> draft memo on framework for oral health access in OHP per work group discussions.
September 20 (Oral Health Work Group)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Work Group</i> review and discuss draft memo on framework for oral health access in OHP.
September 28 (MAC Mtg.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAC review and finalize draft committee memo on framework for oral health access in OHP for OHA.