
Document Title: Family Connects Oregon Commercial Insurance Carrier Status Update
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Objective

To provide commercial health benefit plan partners a monthly standardized update about the latest developments in Family Connects Oregon.

Status Update

- Our **first carrier call of 2025** will be **Tuesday, January 21** at 1:05 p.m. via [Microsoft Teams](#). We look forward to connecting with you all!
- **The 2025-2027 Reimbursement Advisory Committee (RAC)'s** first meeting was on November 21, 2024. The first meeting's agenda gave members the Statutory Framework, Overview of the Rate Setting Process, Role of the RAC and the Cost Template and Cost Template Standards presentation. RAC members had until Friday, December 6 to give their comments and suggestions on the Cost Template and Cost Template Standards.
 - **RAC Next Steps**
 - The final Cost Template and Cost Template Standards were distributed to FCO sites on December 16, 2024. Local FCO sites will submit Cost Templates to OHA by February 14, 2025.
 - The next RAC Meeting is Thursday, March 6, 2025. At that meeting, we will present a draft rate based on the Cost Templates received from FCO sites.
- **FCO Rules Change Updates**
 - The amended OARs for the Universally Offered Newborn Nurse Home Visiting (UoHV) Program (i.e., Family Connects Oregon) have been filed and went into effect January 1, 2025.
 - [ORS 433.301](#) requires the Oregon Health Authority to design the UoHV Program to be flexible to meet the needs of the communities where it operates and adopt criteria for services that must be covered by health benefit plans in accordance with [ORS 743A.078](#).
 - The recent rules change was responsive to the need to expand the type of organizations eligible to be designated as the Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Provider and Community Lead to include, for example, hospitals and non-profit organizations. Additionally, to better support equitable program implementation and decrease administrative burden, various other minor changes were made.

- **FCO Site Launch Updates**

- Lane County Public Health began offering services on November 1, 2024.
- Yamhill County Public Health is planning to offer services late winter/early spring 2025.
- Polk County Health Department is planning to offer services late winter/early spring 2025.
- United Community Action Network (UCAN; Douglas County) will begin offering services on February 1, 2025.
- South Coast is planning to offer services in Coos County starting July 1, 2025.
- Multnomah County is planning to offer services starting late 2025.

FCO Site Contacts

This section of our monthly status update provides carriers with up-to-date information on key contacts at new FCO sites. Please remember that **FCO sites will reach out to you to initiate contact for contracting/credentialing.**

FCO Site	FCO Provider	Name	Role	Email Address
South Coast: Curry, Coos, and Coastal Douglas	Bay Area Hospital	Stacey Nelson	Nursing Supervisor	stacey.nelson@bayareahospital.org
Lane County	Lane County Public Health	Brian K. Johnson	Program Administrator	brian.k.johnson@lanecounty.or.gov
Multnomah County	Multnomah County Health Department	Beata Nizinski	Finance Specialist	beata.i.nizinski@multco.us
Polk County	Polk County Health Department	Stacey Moran	Billing Supervisor	moran.stacey@co.polk.or.us
Douglas County	United Community Action Network (UCAN)	Colleen May	Program Administrator	colleen.may@ucancap.org
Yamhill County	Yamhill County Public Health	Layne Pendleton-Baker	Fiscal Manager	pendleton-bakerl@yamhillcounty.gov

For More Information

OHA Family Connects Oregon webpage:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/healthypeoplefamilies/babies/homevisiting/pages/family-connects-oregon.aspx>

Send us your questions and feedback via the [Family Connects Oregon Question and Feedback Form](#)

Contact us via email: oregon.uohv@odhsoha.oregon.gov
