

Increased Reproductive Health Access Fund Reimbursement Rates!

We are excited to announce that the RH Program has updated reimbursement rates for the Reproductive Health Access Fund. The new rates are approximately 20% higher than current rates and will go into effect for dates of service December 1st, 2023 and after. For RHCare, the increased rates include an expansion of STI coverage. Additional changes for both RHCare and CCare clinics include:

- Updated reimbursement rates for Low, Moderate, and High visit types. In particular, we have increased the percentages for STI screening within the bundled rates.
- Updated reimbursement for language assistance.
- Updated reimbursement for Chlamydia/Gonorrhea tests.

Tools and resources related to the updates rates, including the reimbursement rate components, RHAF supply reimbursement limits, allowable primary ICD10 codes for RHCare clinics, CVR with changes highlighted, and CVR file specifications, will be posted here: <http://healthoregon.org/rhbilling> within the next week.

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on OHP Dispensing Limits for Family Planning Medications

The Health Systems Division (OHP) Pharmaceuticals Services Program is changing rules related to pharmacy dispensing limitations for contraceptives as a result of House Bill 2002 (2023). This change will allow for dispensing and coverage of select family planning medications sufficient to last for a period of 12 calendar months. More information about the rulemaking, including the opportunity to provide comment can be found [here](#)

Trainings

Updated RH Access Fund Eligibility and Enrollment Training Now Available

Recent changes to the RH Access Fund are now incorporated into this online training option. This training is for all clinics regardless of your certification. At the end of the training, participants can take the short Test Your Knowledge quiz via a QR code or by following the link in the training.

[Video](#) | [Slides](#) (with clickable links)

Reproductive Health ECHO Registration is Open!

This 8-session ECHO will build the capacity of primary care clinicians and their team members to provide culturally responsive and equitable reproductive health care to their patients. ECHO sessions take place Tuesdays, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. PT, January 9 - February 27, 2024. [Click here to register.](#)

Resources

OHSU Recruiting for Advance Provision of Medication Abortion Study

Pregnant people can face many barriers to accessing abortion at clinics, including distance, scheduling difficulties and long wait times for appointments, the need to take time off from work and/or arrange for childcare, and harassment from clinic protesters. In an effort to combat some of these barriers, OHSU Women's Health Research Unit is studying how to provide medication abortion support and pills before a positive pregnancy test, in case someone needs them in the future.

Through this study, people can access medical abortion pills before they are pregnant, without going to an abortion clinic. An abortion provider conducts a video evaluation and sends the abortion pills by mail in discreet packaging. The project is only open to people in Oregon and Washington. More information about the study can be found here: <https://www.ohsu.edu/womens-health/advanced-provision-medication-abortion-study>

Resources, cont.

Inclusive Sexual Health Services: Practical Guidelines for Providers and Clinics

The National Coalition for Sexual Health has released [*Inclusive Sexual Health Services: Practical Guidelines for Providers & Clinics*](#) to help health care providers and clinical staff cultivate a clinical environment to deliver inclusive, patient-centered and accessible sexual health services.

By using this assessment, providers and clinical staff can work toward:

- Implementing various trainings to equip staff with tools to serve their community;
- Creating a welcoming clinic environment and providing inclusive resources and services;
- Collecting comprehensive patient data;
- Streamlining their sexual history taking;
- Improving their care for all patients and directly addressing various health disparities; and
- Increasing their delivery of recommended preventive sexual health services.