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No-Cost HIV and STI Screening Programs

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To Oregon Local Public Health Authority (LPHA) HIV/STI Partners,

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) HIV/STD Program and the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory (OSPHL) are sharing new information about no-cost HIV testing and STI screening available to eligible clients. Updates to the HIV/STI subsidized screening programs available through OSPHL are outlined below. A summary table of the new programs is also included at the end of this memo.

These programs are the *payer of last resort* and should only be used when other payer options (for example, private insurance, Oregon Health Plan/Medicaid, or Oregon Contraceptive Care Programs) are not available. This update replaces any previous memo issued regarding this program.

Facilities may begin implementing the new client eligibility criteria August 1, 2026. To ensure a smooth transition, facilities have up to two months to implement changes to their electronic health records and operations. All partners are expected to implement the new eligibility criteria by October 1, 2026.

HIV/STI Statewide Services (HSSS) Lab Program

Former Program Title: No-cost HIV Testing and STI Wraparound Screening (HIV-CTS)

Eligible healthcare locations:

- All LPHAs
- HIV/STI Statewide Services (HSSS/PE81)-funded¹ LPHA subcontractors.

¹ Program Element 81, also known as HIV/STI Statewide Services (HSSS), offers funding for LPHAs to deliver defined services. PE81 allows LPHAs to subcontract for some of these services.

Patient eligibility **change**:

- Only one criterion is required for HIV, syphilis, chlamydia and gonorrhea testing: being uninsured or underinsured². Additional risk-based eligibility criteria have been removed to support integrated testing and access.

Covered lab tests:

- HIV screening and confirmation
- Syphilis screening with confirmation *or* RPR monitoring
- 3-site chlamydia and gonorrhea screening³

Data reporting:

- For every OHA-funded HIV test, data must be entered in the [REDCap HIV Prevention Testing Form](#).
- When providing STI screening along with an OHA funded HIV test, document STI tests provided in the [REDCap HIV Prevention Testing Form](#).

More information:

- All subsidized testing for LPHAs and HSSS/PE81-funded subcontractors is now covered by the HSSS Lab Program – sites eligible to use the HSSS Lab Program should not use any other billing code moving forward.
- The MSM-RGC code has been retired. Testing for patients who previously qualified for MSM-RGC may be ordered under the HSSS Lab Program.

Youth (<24) Safety Net Testing Program

Former Program Title: No-cost CT/GC screening for Individuals Aged 24 and Under (STD Program)

² Underinsured refers to: 1) an individual with prohibitively high deductibles or cost-sharing for lab services or 2) an individual on a parent/guardian's insurance plan who declines screening because of privacy concerns. A 2015 Oregon law guarantees the right of individuals to request to have protected health information such as the explanation of benefits sent directly to them instead of to the primary account holder—visit this [site](#) for more information).

³ 3-site chlamydia and gonorrhea screening includes any combination of pharyngeal, rectal, and genitourinary screening. Genitourinary screening may be conducted using urethral, cervical, vaginal, or urine specimens.

Eligible healthcare locations:

- Safety net sites⁴ approved by the OHA HIV/STD program and not otherwise eligible to use the HSSS Lab Program.
- LPHAs or HSSS/PE81-funded subcontractors **should not** use this program and should order testing under the HSSS Lab Program only.

Patient eligibility - qualifying clients meet **both** eligibility criteria listed below:

- Uninsured or underinsured²
- Ages 24 and under

Covered lab tests:

- 3-site chlamydia and gonorrhea screening³
- HIV screening and confirmation – new addition as a *time-limited pilot available from August 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027; OHA will evaluate its impact and whether to continue it.*

Ordering Testing with OSPHL

Laboratory testing for patients eligible for these programs must be performed by OSPHL. For facilities ordering tests using paper Test Request Forms, fully complete the OSPHL green Virology/Immunology Test Request Form, available at <https://bit.ly/phl-forms>.

Only the qualifying tests detailed above can be charged to the OHA HIV/STD Program. Order other tests such as Hepatitis on a separate Test Request Form.

If your facility orders laboratory tests electronically through your electronic health record (EHR), contact your EHR site specialist or information technology team to make sure your facility implements these changes by October 1. Some facilities' EHR systems auto-populate the program eligibility into test order messages and system updates may be needed.

⁴ The STD Program uses the National Academy of Medicine's definition of safety net sites: "Those providers that organize and deliver a significant level of health care and other related services to uninsured, Medicaid, and other vulnerable patients."

HSSS Lab Program:

In the “Study” box of the “Patient Information” section, type or write in “HSSS” as shown in the example below.

City: Baker City	State: OR	ZIP: 97814
*County of Residence: Baker	Outbreak number:	Study: HSSS

Youth (<24) Safety Net Testing Program (Including No-Cost HIV Screening Pilot):

Check “STD Program” in the “Public Health Program eligible patient” box of the “Patient Insurance Information” section as shown in the example below.

Public Health Program eligible patient (for participating locations only): ☒ STD Program ☐ RH Program ☐ Other: _____

Complete information about ordering, collecting, storing, and transporting specimens can be found on the OSPHL Lab Test Menu at: www.healthoregon.org/labtests.

Contacts:

For questions about eligibility and participation in these programs, please contact the OHA HIV/STI Prevention Strategist at amelia.e.mazzei@oha.oregon.gov. For questions about completion of the OSPHL Test Request Form and specimen collection, please contact OSPHL at 503-693-4100.

Thank you for your continued commitment to HIV/STI prevention and care in Oregon.

Sincerely,



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	HSSS Lab Program	Youth (≤24) Safety Net Testing Program
Eligible Locations	All LPHAs and HSSS/PE81-funded LPHA testing subcontractors (for example, CAP, Outside In, HIV Alliance)	Oregon safety net sites approved by the OHA HIV/STD Program (for example, Reproductive Health Clinics, School Based Health Centers). This program is for sites not eligible to use the HSSS Lab Program.
Eligible Patients	Uninsured or underinsured	Uninsured or underinsured AND 24 years of age or under
Covered Lab Tests	• HIV-1 antigen and HIV-1 & HIV-2 antibodies combination test • HIV-1 and HIV-2 differentiation test (HIV Geenius) • Syphilis screening, confirmatory testing, and RPR monitoring • 3-site CT/GC: includes any combination of pharyngeal, rectal, and genitourinary screening. Genitourinary screening may be conducted using urethral, cervical, vaginal, or urine specimens.	• 3-site CT/GC: includes any combination of pharyngeal, rectal, and genitourinary screening. Genitourinary screening may be conducted using urethral, cervical, vaginal, or urine specimens. <i>From August 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027, a pilot will also cover:</i> • HIV-1 antigen and HIV-1 & HIV-2 antibodies combination test • HIV-1 and HIV-2 differentiation test (HIV Geenius)
OSPHL Test Request Form Information <i>(Sites E-Ordering must contact OSPHL for special instructions)</i>	Use the OSPHL's green Virology/Immunology Test Request Form, available at www.bitly.com/phl-forms . • Write in "HSSS" in Study ID box. • Use a separate form for each qualifying test.	Use the OSPHL's green Virology/Immunology Test Request Form, available at www.bitly.com/phl-forms . • Check "STD Program" in the "Public Health Program eligible patient" box of the "Patient Insurance Information" section • Use a separate form for each qualifying test.