

Implementation Update: Community Violence Prevention & Expansion of Hospital Based Violence Intervention Programs



**HB 4045
seeks to:**

- Establish grant programs to hospitals and community-based organizations to develop Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs outside of Multnomah County to reduce and interrupt community violence.
- Receive approval from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) to draw down federal Medicaid dollars to support HVIP services.
- Develop training and certification pathways for Violence Prevention Professionals.

Key Achievements and Progress

Medicaid Reimbursement Milestone

- In May 2023, CMS approved Medicaid reimbursement for Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Services. A Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) to review draft policy rules was held in December 2023 and Community Violence Prevention Services rule became permanent in May 2024.
- Oregon is leading the nation with one of the most comprehensive Medicaid reimbursement models with a rate of \$99.12 an hour.
- Currently Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center (POIC) is authorized to bill Medicaid. They have successfully drawn down funds for HVIP services retroactive to January 2023.

Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program Expansion Community of Practice

- A Community of Practice was launched in November 2024 and convened monthly through June 2025.
- Four grantees were awarded: Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center, Going Home II, Youth 71Five Ministries and the Salvation Army, with services provided in urban and rural areas, including Marion, Jackson, Josephine, Washington and Clackamas Counties.
- A key milestone from the Community of Practice is all four grantees committed to attend the National Health Alliance for Violence Intervention (HAVI) Conference in the fall of 2025. Additionally, three grantees have identified staff to attend HAVI's professional certification program, with 21 credible messengers expected to be certified as Violence Prevention Professionals by that time.