

Oct. 12, 2011

Media contact: Ari Ettinger, 503-602-3906, ari.a.ettinger@state.or.us or visit health.oregon.gov for full meeting details

Coordinated Care Organization work group meetings scheduled for October

What: October public meetings of the Oregon Health Policy Board's House Bill 3650 work groups.

Governor Kitzhaber has appointed 133 people to serve on the Oregon Health Policy Board's health transformation work groups for HB 3650.

Representatives of all health care sectors and communities across the state serve on one of four groups. The landmark health care legislation, which passed with strong bipartisan support, set a vision for improving health and the quality of care while lowering costs for Oregon Health Plan members.

Under HB 3650, local Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) would be responsible for administering the delivery of physical, mental, addictions, oral and other health care. These organizations would be given flexibility and incentives for care that keeps people healthier, including preventive services and team-based care for chronic illnesses.

The work groups are meeting between August and November and their efforts will inform the proposal for CCOs that will be submitted to the Legislature. Upon legislative approval in February 2012, the first CCOs would launch later in the year.

The following meetings are open to the public. Live audio of the meetings is also available via a listen-only public call-in line at health.oregon.gov.

Global Budget Methodology Work Group – Developing the global budget methodology for Coordinated Care Organizations.

When: **Monday, Oct. 17**
6:00-9:00 p.m.

Where: Cherry Avenue Training Center
3414 Cherry Ave.
Suite 150, Mt. Mazama Room, Keizer, OR

Public listen-only call-in line: 1-877-536-5793 Participant code: 112050

Coordinated Care Organization Criteria Work Group – Developing qualification criteria and standards for the proposed Coordinated Care Organizations.

When: Tuesday, Oct. 18

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Where: Cherry Avenue Training Center

3414 Cherry Ave.

Suite 150, Mt. Mazama Room, Keizer, OR

Public listen-only call-in line: 1-877-536-5793 Participant code: 112050

Medicare-Medicaid Integration of Care and Services Work Group – Developing strategies for improving integration of health and long-term care and services for individuals enrolled in both the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

When: Wednesday, Oct. 19

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Where: Cherry Avenue Training Center

3414 Cherry Ave.

Suite 150, Mt. Mazama Room, Keizer, OR

Public listen-only call-in line: 1-877-540-9892 Participant code: 873681

Outcomes, Quality and Efficiency Metrics Work Group – Developing performance standards and benchmarks in order to assess that care is being improved while costs are being reduced.

When: Monday, Oct. 17

9:00 a.m.-noon

Where: Clackamas Community College

Wilsonville Training Center

Room 111/112

29353 S.W. Town Center Loop East, Wilsonville, OR

Public listen-only call-in line: 1-877-468-2139 Participant code: 539618

Public comment: All HB 3650 work groups are open for the public to attend. However, there will be no public comment or testimony taken during the individual work group sessions. All comments and testimony are welcome at the Oregon Health Policy Board's monthly meetings, held the second Tuesday of every month. For details about the time and location of OHPB meetings and opportunities for public comment, go to health.oregon.gov.

Reasonable accommodations will be provided for people requesting assistive hearing devices, sign language interpreters or large-print materials. Those needing accommodations should call the Oregon Health Authority at 1-800-282-8096 at least 24 hours before the meeting.

###