



## HEALTH SYSTEMS DIVISION

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The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency will end May 11, 2023. Coinciding with the end of the public health emergency, Oregon Health Authority will no longer provide vacancy payments.

### Why is this happening?

The White House [announced](#) the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency will end May 11, 2023. As the public health emergency winds down, so does this emergency support authorized by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in State Plan [Amendment](#) 20-0010.

### What should you do?

Submit any remaining vacancy payment requests for dates of vacancy on or before May 11, 2023, to OHA by end of business on May 25, 2023. Requests submitted after May 25 will not be considered.

### Questions?

If you have any questions about this announcement, contact Donny Jardine at [donald.jardine@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:donald.jardine@oha.oregon.gov) or 503-422-5102 or the Medicaid Programs at [Medicaid.Programs@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:Medicaid.Programs@oha.oregon.gov).

Thank you for your continued support of Oregon's behavioral health system and the services you provide.