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# Geographic Regions

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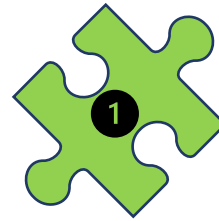
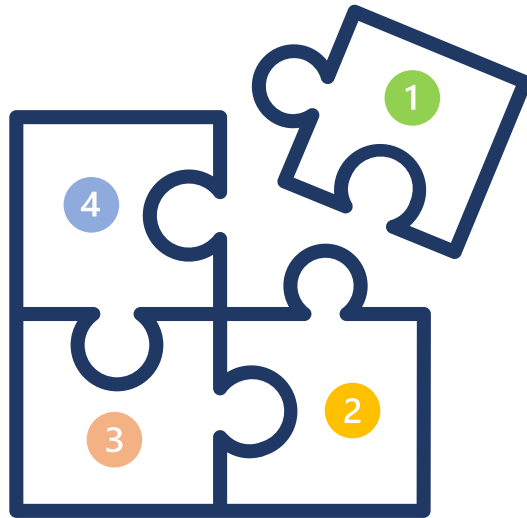
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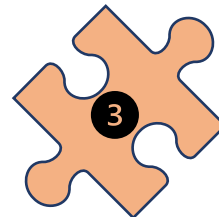
# Time and Distance Standards



Provider Categorization



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Time and Distance Tiers



Monitoring

# Today's topics

- **Work Session Opportunities**

- OHA will bring a “puzzle piece” to Contracts & Compliance each month for a deeper dive discussion.
- Materials will be released ahead of the meeting for CCO review to foster deeper discussion during C&C.
- OHA requests that CCOs review the materials carefully in advance of the Contracts & Compliance meeting and come prepared for discussion.

- **Geographic Regions**

## Current Geographic Designation Definitions:

Geographic Designations	Definition
Urban	A geographic area that is less than 10 map miles from a population center of 30,000 people or more.
Rural	A geographic area that is 10 or more map miles from a population center of more than 30,000 people.

- Definitions are not explicitly defined in rule.

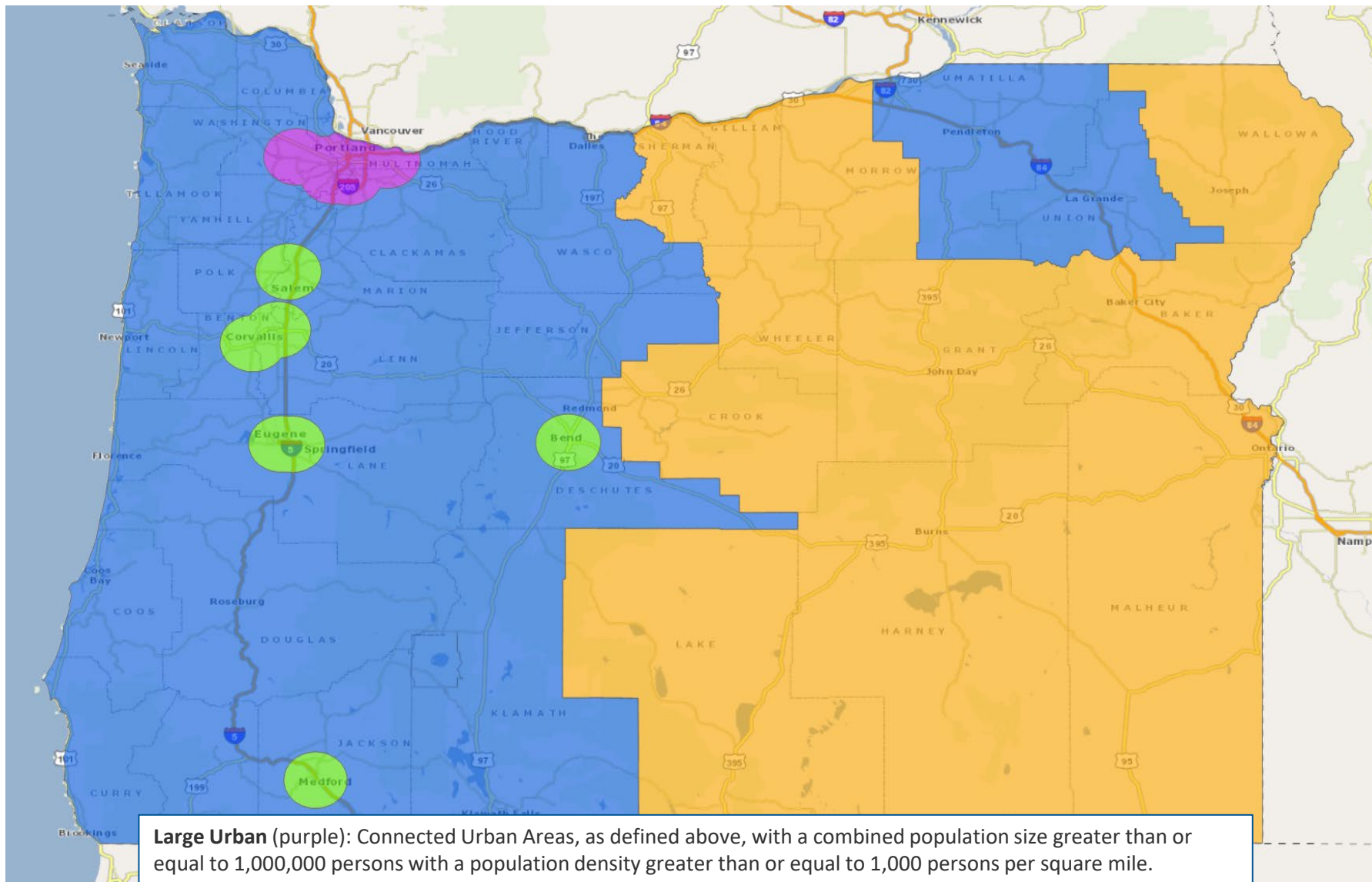
# Proposed Updates to Geographic Designations

- Informed by CMS Medicare Advantage geographic designations and OHSU's Office of Rural Health designations framework.
- Moving from “urban” and “rural” to:



- The intent of this change is to allow for more nuanced time and distance standards based on geography and provider supply.
- OHA will provide tools to the CCOs in order to conduct T&D analyses using these designations.

\*County with Extreme Access Concerns



**Large Urban (purple):** Connected Urban Areas, as defined above, with a combined population size greater than or equal to 1,000,000 persons with a population density greater than or equal to 1,000 persons per square mile.

**Urban (green):** Less than or equal to 10 miles from center of 40,000 or more.

**Rural (blue):** Greater than 10 miles from center of 40,000 or more with county population density greater than 10 people per square mile.

**Counties with Extreme Access Concerns (CEAC) (yellow):** Counties with 10 or fewer people per square mile.

# Urban Density & Designations

Incorporated City/Town	County	Certified Estimate July 1, 2021	City Land Square Miles	Pop Density, People per sq mile	Comparable MA County Designation	MA County Designation
Beaverton	Washington	97,782	19.6	4988.88	Metro (2)(iv)	Metro
Portland	Multnomah	658,773	133.45	4936.48	Large Metro (1)(ii)	Large Metro
Gresham	Multnomah	114,361	23.47	4872.65	Metro (2)(iv)	Large Metro
Tigard	Washington	55,854	12.67	4408.37	Metro (2)(iv)	Metro
Hillsboro	Washington	108,154	25.67	4213.25	Metro (2)(iv)	Metro
Corvallis	Benton	57,601	14.27	4036.51	Metro (2)(iv)	Metro
Eugene	Lane	175,626	44.18	3975.24	Metro (2)(iv)	Metro
Springfield	Lane	62,352	15.825	3940.09	Metro (2)(iv)	Metro
Lake Oswego	Clackamas	40,801	10.78	3784.88	Metro (2)(v)	Metro
Salem	Marion	177,694	48.8	3641.27	Metro (2)(iv)	Metro
Medford	Jackson	87,353	25.89	3374.01	Metro (2)(iv)	Metro
Albany	Linn	57,199	17.66	3238.90	Metro (2)(iv)	Micro
Bend	Deschutes	100,922	33.62	3001.84	Metro (2)(iv)	Micro

	Total Certified Estimate	Total City Land Square Miles	Total Pop Density (people/sq mile)	Comparable MA County Designation	Notes
Portland Metro Centroid	1,232,968	290.145	4249.49	Large Metro (1)(i)	Average pulls entire area into Large Metro designation.
Linn/Benton Centroid	153,636	32.27	4760.95	Metro (2)(iv)	Stays Metro designation - meeting the same criteria.
Lane Centroid	165,353	43.33	3816.13	Metro (2)(iii)	Stays Metro designation - meets using a different criteria.

Bend, Medford, and Salem all remain as Metro.

# Mapping Methodology and Discussion

- OHA Mapping Methodology includes:
  - Utilizing coordinates for cities with populations greater or equal to 40,000.
  - ArcGIS World Geocoding Service to geocode city centers.
  - Use of Python and ArcGIS.
  - OHA reference files with coordinates, methodology, and shape file are attached to calendar invite.
- CCOs are not required to use ArcGIS and are welcome to utilize their existing systems for mapping and analysis.
  - Some CCOs are using SQL and Quest.
- **Discussion:** What approach is your CCO taking regarding these changes?





# Q & A