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OREGON HIV CASE MANAGEMENT

CCO 2.0 Changes and what it means for those on the Oregon Health Plan

As you probably know Oregon Health Authority recently awarded 15 organizations with contracts to serve as coordinated care organizations (CCOs) to OHP members around the state. This is being referred to as CCO 2.0

There will be some changes that will impact Oregon Health Plan members throughout the state. Here are some helpful links and details about how those changes will be communicated and opportunities members will have to make changes.

Late September -Postcards mailed to OHP members in areas with CCO choices. If a county isn't having a CCO change those residents will not get a notice

October-

- Letters going out with suggested CCO choice based on provider visits.
- Members will have a month to change for 2020 (10/16/19-11/17/19)
- If changes are needed they can be done via phone or online through a web portal. They will need the letter mailed to complete online form.
- Customer service centers will have access to the web portal, it will be accessible in Spanish and is mobile friendly

December- members will receive another communication and have an additional opportunity to change suggested CCO between January 1- March 31, 2020

Transition of care-

- Prior authorizations for physical, oral, behavioral health and prescriptions will be honored for 6 months
- Members can see existing providers for 90 days for primary care and 180 for behavioral care

Helpful websites

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/OHPB/Pages/CCO-2-0.aspx>

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/hsd/ohp/pages/index.aspx>

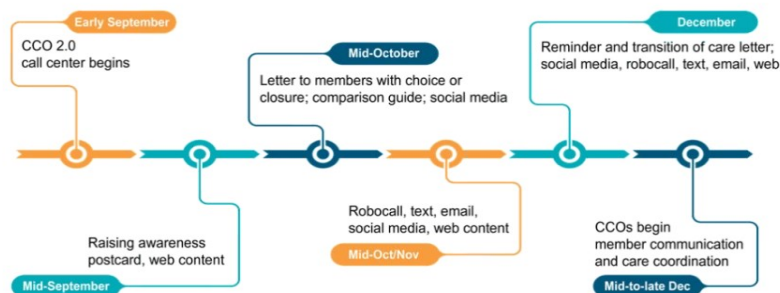
Next Meeting

9-10:30 a.m.
800 NE Oregon

September 10th

Maleka Taylor,
Housing Case Manager at Quest Recovery House

Member Communication Timeline



Public Charge– what does it mean?

Public Charge has been a part of US immigrant law for over 100 years. When someone is applying to be a legal permanent resident Immigration looks to see if the individual would be deemed a “public charge”. This means they would be looking to see if the individual would “become primarily dependent on the government for subsistence” What has happened recently is the federal government is adding benefits to the list that is considered Public Charge.

There are many places where information exists that you can review to educate yourself, your clients and your community. Here are key points:

- **Ryan White is not mentioned as a benefit to be considered as public charge!** This means CAREAssist and many services we provide with Ryan White funding.
- **The rule is not in effect yet.** The new rule will not go into effect until October 15, 2019 and will only apply to applications submitted on or after October 15
- **Not everyone is subject to the rule.** A number of immigrant groups are exempt from the public charge rule. The rule does NOT apply to Lawful Permanent Residents applying for citizenship, refugees, asylees, VAWA petitioners, U or T visa applicants/holders, special immigrant juveniles, and certain parolees, among others.
- **The new rule is forward-looking.** Newly-named benefits used prior to October 15, 2019 will not be considered.
- **Everyone’s situation is different.** You should consult an immigration attorney if you have questions or concerns about your case. To find help in your area www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory.
- **The use of public benefits alone will not make you a public charge.** Immigration officials must look at a number of different factors in the public charge test.
- **The new public charge test does not consider benefits used by family members** unless the family member is also applying for a green card.
- **The rule does not consider benefits used before October 15, 2019.** Using benefits now can help you and your family stay strong and healthy.
- **Your personal information is protected.** There are laws that protect your privacy when applying for public programs. You can provide only the information necessary in the applications for yourself or your family members.

Additional benefits considered under the public charge test

1. Cash assistance for income maintenance (SSI, TANF)
2. Government funded long-term institutional care
3. Non-emergency Medicaid (with the exception of children under 21 years old and pregnant women)
4. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
5. Housing assistance (Section 8 housing vouchers, project-based Section 8, public housing)
6. Federal, state, local, and tribal cash assistance
7. Medicare Savings Programs (QMB/SMB/SMF)

There are also many programs unaffected by the rule change, including:

- Medicaid for children under 21 and pregnant women (including 60 days after giving birth)
- The Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC) supplemental nutrition program
- Special education services covered by Medicaid and funded by the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA)
- Health care services based in schools
- Oregon’s Cover All Kids Program
- Commercial health insurance premium subsidies offered through Oregon’s Health Insurance Marketplace.
- Free and Reduced School Lunch program (please note that referral to this program through SNAP would be considered under the new rule).
- Older Americans Act programs.
- State-funded programs to assist older adults and people with disabilities such as the Oregon Project Independence program.
- Medicare Part D Low Income Subsidy (LIS)

Places to obtain information include:

[MCHD website](#) offers this information and other helpful links.

<https://multco.us/file/83035/download> Flyer created by Multnomah County

<https://apps.state.or.us/Forms/Served/he3281.pdf> State FAQ on Public Charge

<https://protectingimmigrantfamilies.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/PublicChargeFactSheet-Updated-August-2019.pdf>

<https://protectingimmigrantfamilies.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/You-Have-Rights-Protect-Your-Health.pdf>

<https://oregonlawhelp.org/files/CCDACC15-944D-570E-7F1F-7BBF3DEC0018/attachments/1DED9EAA-79D7-4377-857B-8BD471E93A11/public-charge-fact-sheet-finalfinal-9-4-19-english.pdf> Fact sheet in English

<https://oregonimmigrationresource.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Public-Charge-Fact-Sheet-Final-9-3-2019-Spanish.pdf> Fact Sheet in Spanish

<https://www.ilrc.org/public-charge-community-messages>

<https://protectingimmigrantfamilies.org/analysis-research/>

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5b9f1d48da02bc44473c36f1/t/5d65a7756415a90001b627a6/1566943095114/ASISTA-AIS_Aug2019-Recess-Toolkit.pdf
ASISTA and the Alliance for Immigrant Survivors



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QUEST OPENS NEW RECOVERY HOUSE FOR LGBTQ+, NON-BINARY AND HIV+ FOLX.

Quest Center for Integrative Health
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Portland, OR — Quest Center for Integrative Health proudly announces the opening of Oregon's first recovery house focused on meeting the needs of the LGBTQ+ community, prioritizing transgender and non-binary individuals. The Quest Recovery Home will provide safe and affirming housing for Quest Center clients as they engage in our Finding and Sustaining Recovery program.

Please join Quest Center and special guests Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury and Commissioner Sharon Meieran, for the Dedication Ceremony as we celebrate this important step in expanding behavioral health services and transitional housing to members of the LGBTQ+ community. The ceremony and celebration will be at Quest Center, Burnside Campus, 2901 E Burnside Street, Portland, Oregon.

The Recovery Home is a joint project between [Quest Center for Integrative Health](http://www.quest-center.org) and [Bridges to Change](http://www.bridgestochange.org). Funding for the house has been made available by Multnomah County Mental Health and Addiction Services.

"At a time when so many people in our society are being told they don't matter, they don't fit, they're not enough, Quest's Recovery Home is a place to come home," said Multnomah County Commissioner Sharon Meieran. "It's a place to recover. A place to remember that each of us is good just as we are and each of us deserves to feel we belong."

The Recovery Home is Quest Center's first expansion into housing projects and serves as the supportive arm to our intensive outpatient substance use disorder treatment program. The goal of this home is to offer a safe, sober, and supportive recovery environment to people identifying as LGBTQ+, HIV+ and/or non-binary. Through high-quality evidence-based treatment, including mental health, acupuncture, exercise, nutrition and case management services, we empower individuals to build resilience, become self-sufficient, and achieve healthy sober lives.

Oregon is among the [10 states with the highest alcohol and drug dependency rates](#), while simultaneously ranking 50th in access to mental health and addiction treatment.

Research suggests LGBT people — and most prominently transgender people — experience [higher rates](#) of substance use disorder, depression and other mental health conditions directly tied to [stigma, discrimination](#) and family rejection.

Finding supportive housing while engaging in treatment can, at times, be difficult and the lack of housing can hinder success in early recovery. Our hope is to improve housing and health outcomes by reducing the risk factors that lead to homelessness for these historically marginalized communities.

Early recovery can be painful and isolating, often necessitating a departure from known places and people as individuals pursue help to break the cycles of addiction in their lives. Quest Recovery Home seeks to open a door to a safe and nurturing home for some of our most vulnerable clients as they transition into recovery.

Phone (503) 238-5203 Fax (503) 238-5202 2901 East Burnside St, Portland, OR 97214

www.Quest-Center.org

Please Join Us

at the

DEDICATION CEREMONY

for our

QUEST RECOVERY HOME

WEDNESDAY



SEPTEMBER 11

10AM, FOLLOWED BY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS UNTIL 11AM

BURNSIDE CAMPUS

2901 E Burnside Street, Portland, Oregon — 503-238-5203

QUEST CENTER FOR INTEGRATIVE HEALTH PROUDLY ANNOUNCES THE OPENING OF OREGON'S FIRST RECOVERY HOUSE FOCUSED ON MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY, PRIORITIZING TRANSGENDER AND NON-BINARY INDIVIDUALS.

THE RECOVERY HOME IS QUEST CENTER'S FIRST EXPANSION INTO HOUSING PROJECTS AND SERVES AS THE SUPPORTIVE ARM TO OUR FINDING & SUSTAINING RECOVERY INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT PROGRAM



The Recovery Home is a joint project between Quest Center for Integrative Health, Bridges to Change, and Mental Health & Addiction Services of Multnomah County Health Department.

OUR BOLD VOICES PRESENTS

RESILIENT VOICES

AGING WITH HIV/AIDS

SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY, SEPT 14
 3:00 - 5:00 PM
 DOORS OPEN AT 2:30

CERIMON HOUSE
 5131 NE 23RD AVE
 PORTLAND, OR

AARP
 Oregon
 Real Possibilities

While the majority of people living with HIV in the United States are 50 years or older, there have been few opportunities for those already living and aging with HIV to share their talents.

JOIN US!

STORYTELLING
ART
MUSIC

END HIV

TICKETS ON SALE
BIT.LY/OBV-RESILIENTVOICES

For Tickets visit to Resilient Voices

<https://our-bold-voices.ticketleap.com/resilient-voices-aging-with-hiv/aid/>

30TH ANNIVERSARY

Celebration of Wellness

2019 BENEFIT EVENT
OCTOBER 17TH, 2019
 THE EVERGREEN
 618 SE ALDER ST.
 PORTLAND, OR 97214 | 6-9PM

QUEST CENTER
 FOR INTEGRATIVE HEALTH

HIV Continuum of Care Conference Sept. 24 – 25, 2019 Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel

The **Oregon AIDS Education and Training Center**, in collaboration with the **Oregon Health Authority**, is hosting the 2019 HIV Continuum of Care conference - a two-day training event for individuals in a professional role to support those at risk of or living with HIV/AIDS in their community. This includes clinicians, nurses, pharmacists, case managers, care coordinators and community health workers.

Presentation topics include:

**Ending the HIV Epidemic • HIV Prevention & Treatment in Rural Oregon
Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Addressing Disparities in Care • HIV/
STI Update • Trauma Informed Care • Women and HIV**

This inter-professional training opportunity will balance clinical and social service supports to improve patient engagement in care. Content will address disparities facing clients living in more rural communities.

Agenda: The conference agenda will be posted in mid August on this website for your review.

Registration: This conference is FREE to all medical and social service providers in a professional role along the HIV Care Continuum from prevention to viral suppression. Please [register here](#)

Accreditation: Application for CME credit will be filed with the American Academy of Family Physicians, National Association of Social Workers and the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC).

Tabling: If you are a community organization interested in sharing resources with conference participants, [click here](#) to complete our tabling/resources form to secure a table and/or be considered for inclusion in the conference program. If you represent a commercial entity and wish to display at the conference, please email Alysha Cabral at alysha@oraetc.org.

Lodging: To receive a government room rate, please call Casandra Soratos at 503.335.2857 and mention the HIV Continuum of Care Conference by September 6, 2019.

Travel reimbursement: If you are in a position funded by Ryan White Part B, you may be eligible for travel reimbursement. Please [click here](#) to access the travel reimbursement form. If you have any questions, please email Dayna Morrison at dayna@oraetc.org



In an effort to remain aware of all of our programmatic and staff changes throughout the HIV community in Oregon we would like to collect and share that information. Programmatic & staff changes should be sent to lagermes@ohsu.edu by the last Wednesday of the month.

Cascade AIDS Project Welcomes

Hello Community Partners,

Please allow me to introduce Emilie "Em" Friedman (they/ them/ their pronouns) as CAP's new Housing Readiness Coordinator. We are pleased to have Em on board for Housing Readiness, working with clients to identify long-term housing plans and preemptively putting them in a better, more ready position to rent when an opportunity becomes available, including identifying and addressing barriers, tenant education and individualized goal plans. These activities are done through;

Housing Readiness Hours: Tuesday & Fridays from 9AM to 12PM

During this time, CAP participants are welcome to come in with general housing questions and have computer access for housing-related tasks. This is mostly self-directed, drop-in hours, but Em (or other staff/ volunteers) will be available to check in and provide support with resources/ referrals, help with rental/ waitlist applications, reasonable accommodations, etc. *If more or individualized support is needed, an appointment may be scheduled outside of these hours.*

1-on-1 individual support meetings:

These meetings could include creating a housing goal plan, applying for CAP's Supportive Housing program, responding to a waitlist denial, learning to search for housing independently, completing sample rental applications, budgeting, understanding screening criteria, addressing housing barriers, collecting supporting documents, understanding landlord/ tenant rights and responsibilities, etc.

Waitlist information/ documentation

Em will be the contact for CAP's Supportive Housing Waitlist. Please feel free to contact them with questions about the waitlist, participant's waitlist status, or to provide additional documentation or letters.

Em's contact information is below:

Emilie Friedman | Housing Readiness Coordinator

Cascade AIDS Project | Direct 503 278 3834

Pronouns: *They, Them, Theirs*

efriedman@cascadeaids.org

Office: 503 223 5907 | Fax: 503 223 6437

CAP Program Updates

They are receiving a large increase in Ryan White Part B housing funds - \$250,000 more for the remainder of the current RW year (through February 2020)!!

With these funds, they will be able to:

- provide up to 2 years of rent assistance to 30 households off the waitlist,
- hire 2 new housing/navigator positions to work with those folks as well as with people on the housing waitlist,
- hire additional peer support specialists focused on housing stability (similar to the HIHO/OHA AMH peers), one of whom will be sited part time at the HIV Day Center,
- increase capacity (additional FTE and funding) for the warehouse program,
- pay for things that RW can't traditionally pay for (deposits, utility assistance, housing debt, etc.) to make housing those 30 households a little easier

Hiring for a Program Assistant position (to be posted soon) to do some of the tasks previously held by the H&SS Coordinator position. The Program Assistant position will be responsible for setting up motel vouchers, reception/service center coverage as needed when staff are out, data entry/data clean-up tasks, CAREWare uploads for RW eligibility documents, some CAB meeting logistics, and other admin tasks to support managers.

Kristin Cedar will be taking over coordination of the TriMet Fare Relief program (previously H&SS Coordinator) as she currently coordinates and monitors all other similar client assistance tracking for our department.

They will not be rehiring for the Equity Outreach Coordinator position as, despite Omar's almost super human outreach efforts, the position did not work out in the way they thought it would when it was initially created. What did work really well about that position was the capacity to do offsite intakes/housing applications for people who were unable to come into CAP, and that will be retained in other positions.

Meghan Von Tersch is being promoted to Housing Navigation Team Lead! Meghan will be hiring, training and supervising the 2 new RW funded housing positions mentioned earlier, taking over the communication with the Joint Office of Homelessness around referrals to/from the Coordinated Access system in Multnomah County, providing caseload coverage and triaging coverage needs, overseeing the referral process for our guest bed program at the Clark Center/Jean's Place shelters, and will also serve as an additional back up for intakes and coordinated access assessments when needed. Meghan will cover her own caseload while her position is vacant.

Multnomah County HIV Clinic

Say Farewell to:

Jan Carpenter, Operations Supervisor is retiring on July 31st, 2019 (party will be in October)

Lil Pattie, Lead LCSW is retiring October 31st, 2019 (party will be in October)

Thank you both for your commitment to the community!! You will be missed!!

Welcomes:

Mayra Slobig, is our new Operations Supervisor starting August 1st, 2019 (has been working in our clinic over the past 3 years with over 8 years of supervisory experience)

Katy Pranian, Program Coordinator of the FOCUS Hepatitis C Grant to increase Hepatitis C screening, testing and treatment for Primary Care in Multnomah County Health Department

Sam Junge, CHW/Navigator for the FOCUS Hepatitis C Grant

Quest Center for Integrative Health

Program Update:

They are now again open for MH referrals. Quest RW MH Provider and HIV Specialist Cindy Marino has caseload availability. For referral, please contact Taheerah Muhammad at tmuhammad@quest-center.org with an encrypted email or contact Quest at (503)238-5203 ext 328. For RW MH referrals, please contact Jenya Gluzberg at jenya@quest-center.org or (503)238-5203 ext 321.

Our House Says Farewell to:

Lisa Watson, Deputy Director has taken the Executive Director Position at American Leadership Forum.

Clackamas County Welcomes:

Katrina Doughty (she/her)
Disease Intervention Specialist
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Fax-503-742-5389

Jonathan Torres, DIS
Disease Intervention Specialist
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M-TH Office: (503)-742-5949

Columbia County Welcomes:

Lillia Rodgers
DIS Columbia County
Lillia.Rodgers@columbiacountyor.gov
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HIV Day Center Says Farewell to:

Ebony Frison, Program Assistant
They will be hiring a Food Program Assistant for 30 hours a week. It will be posted soon.

Send your staffing and program updates to lagermes@ohsu.edu

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