
Culturally and Linguistically Specific (CLS) Services - Traditional Health Worker

Community Listening Sessions

Monday September 16th 3pm-4pm

Wednesday September 18th 10am-11am



HEALTH SYSTEMS AND EQUITY AND INCLUSION DIVISIONS
Traditional Health Worker Program

Overview of Topics

- Purpose
- Definitions
- Timeline
- Qualifications and Affected Providers
- Payment Overview
- Additional Resources
- Q&A

Why CLS Services?

- Promote and improve access to services are foundationally designed for and delivered to a distinct community by providers who are from or immersed in that community.
- Reimburse for services rendered by qualified CLS Services THW providers
- Improve health equity within Oregonians based on languages and cultural belonging

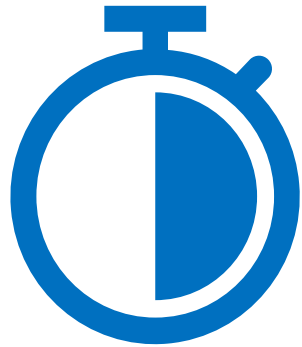
CLS Services for Traditional Health Workers cont.

- The Traditional Health Worker CLS Services rules will model [OAR 309-065-0000](#) , serving as the blueprint.
- THW version of CLS Services will pertain to physical health THW providers only thus, housed under the 410* rules

Highlights - Definitions

- “CLSS Organization” means an organization that provides culturally and linguistically specific services to its clients.
- “CLSS Program” means a program that that exists within a larger organization and provides culturally and linguistically specific services to its clients.
- “CLSS Individual Provider” means an individual that provides culturally and linguistically specific services to their clients.

Timeline of Planned Events



- Community engagement sessions
- Tribal engagement
- Rule Making
 - OAR 410s (Medical Assistance Programs)
 - Public Hearing
- Finalize rules
- Implementation set for 01/2025

Do I qualify for this program?

In order to qualify for culturally and linguistically specific THW health services enhanced payments, the applicant/entity must:

- Submit an application
 - Be enrolled as a provider with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) that is not prohibited by law from receiving the enhanced payment
 - Demonstrate the ability to serve a distinct minoritized cultural community
 - Be primarily led and staffed by people that have extensive experience working with or being immersed in the same minoritized cultural community they serve;
- or
- Have a history of at least five years primarily serving the specific minoritized cultural community in a physical health setting

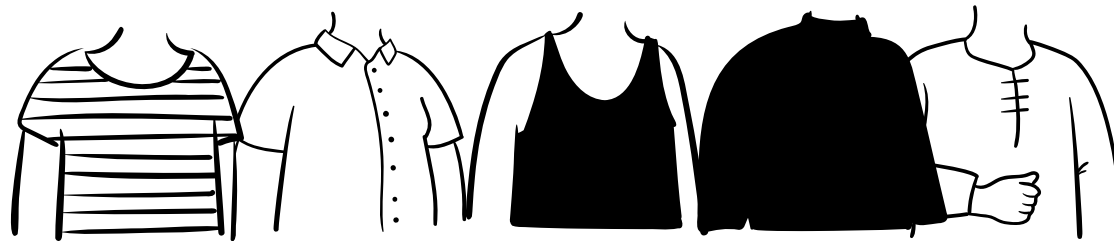
Provider and Program Eligibility

- All organizations, programs, or individual providers must become eligible to receive enhanced payments for culturally and linguistically specific services and apply for eligibility by OHA contract third party application and approval handler
- Medicaid enrollment is required. Must be contracted with Medicaid, OHP and CCO.
- The provider or organization must have an NPI and Medicaid number to apply for CLS services and receive enhanced payments

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Who does this Affect?

- Traditional health worker providers within physical health (see PH fee schedule). Doulas, CHWs and Health Navigators.
- Direct billing providers or culturally specific programs using THWs as rendering providers



Payment Structures

- Fee-for-Service (FFS) – OHA administers the enhanced payments to eligible providers.
 - 22% enhanced rate for urban. *Modifier U9*
 - 27% enhanced rate for rural. *Modifier TN*
- Coordinate Care Organizations (CCO) – They administer the enhanced payments to eligible **contracted** providers.
 - They must pay at or above the FFS rates
- Rural Health's (ORH) Urban/Rural/Frontier Designation tool.

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