# STATEMENT OF INTENT 4: ROLE OF THE PRIORITIZED LIST IN COVERAGE

The Commission makes its prioritization decisions based on the best available published evidence about treatments for each condition. The Prioritized List prioritizes health services according to their importance for the population served and the legislature determines where to place the funding line on the Prioritized List.

The Commission recognizes that a condition and treatment pairing above the funding line does not necessarily mean that the service will be covered by the Oregon Health Plan (OHP). There may be other restrictions that apply, such as the service not being medically necessary or appropriate for an individual member. Likewise, the absence of a treatment and condition pairing above the funding line is not meant to be an absolute exclusion from coverage. Coverage may still be authorized under applicable federal and state laws, and Oregon’s Medicaid State Plan and Waiver for an individual member. For example, OAR 410-141-3820 (Oregon Health Plan Benefit Package of Covered Services) includes services such as, but not limited to, the following:

* Diagnostic services, subject to the List’s diagnostic guideline notes when applicable;
* Ancillary services (such as hospitalization, durable medical equipment, certain medications and anesthesia) provided for conditions appearing above the funding line, subject to the List’s ancillary guideline notes when applicable; and
* Services paired with (or ancillary to) an unfunded condition which is causing or exacerbating a funded condition, the treatments for the funded condition are not working or contraindicated, and treatment of the unfunded condition would improve the outcome of treating the funded condition (the “Comorbidity Rule” OAR 410-141-3820(10))
* Services that are determined to be medically necessary and medically appropriate for an OHP member under the age of 21; coverage of these services is required by federal regulation under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment program (EPSDT).
* Services paired with (or ancillary to) an unfunded condition (or otherwise not consistent with the funded region of the List) which, based on the child’s individual circumstances, adversely affects the child’s ability to grow, develop, or participate in school only when providing the unfunded service would improve the child’s ability to grow, develop or participate in school.

The Prioritized List must be used in conjunction with applicable OHP provisions found in federal and state laws, the State Plan and Waiver in coverage determination.