

Oregon's 1115 Medicaid Waiver

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1115 Medicaid Waiver Background



What is the Oregon Health Plan?

Medicaid

Medicaid is the nation's public health care program. In Oregon we call it the Oregon Health Plan (OHP).

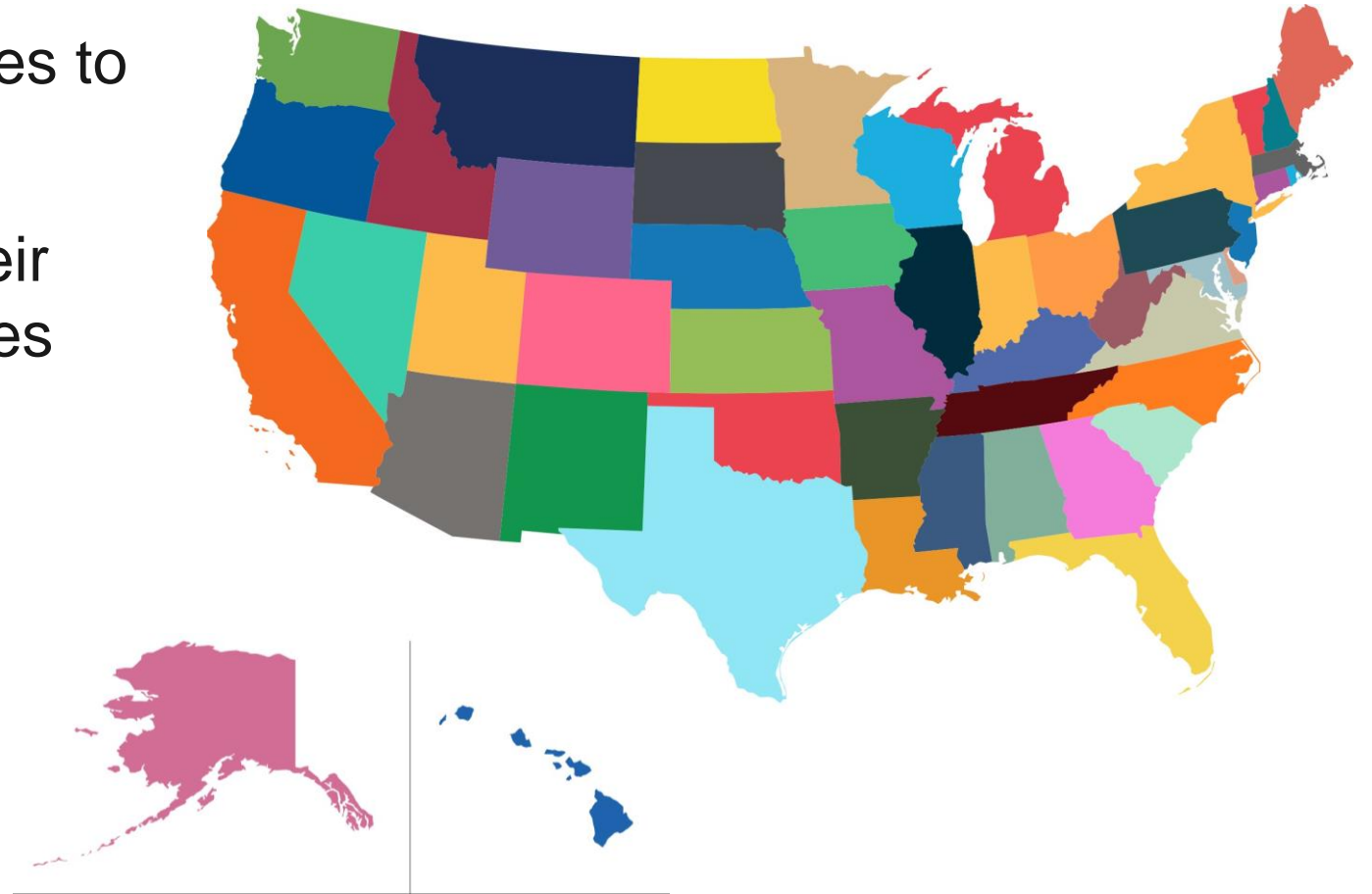
Oregon Health Plan

The Oregon Health Plan (OHP) is free health care coverage for low-income children, teens, and adults who live in Oregon. You can apply for OHP at any time during the year.



What is a Medicaid Waiver?

- States must follow federal rules to get Medicaid funding.
- States can ask **to change** their Medicaid rules. These changes are called a Medicaid waiver.



Oregon 1115 Waiver Key Changes



Extended Oregon Health Plan (OHP) Eligibility and Benefits

The Waiver expands Medicaid coverage:

- Continuous OHP eligibility and enrollment for children up to age six*†
- Two years of continuous enrollment for OHP members ages six and older*†
- Coverage for health-related social needs (HRSN) supports including housing, nutrition and climate supports*
- Coverage for young adults with special health care needs up to age 26*
- Coverage for a limited set of services for people in a carceral setting 90-days prior to release

* Indicates an approved change that is first-in-the-nation

† These benefits are in effect and began in July 2023

HRSN Program Overview

The goal of Oregon's HRSN program is to improve health outcomes, decrease costs, and reduce inequities. Eligible individuals can access the HRSN services below once live.



Climate (go-live date, 3/1/24):

These supports include air conditioners for heat risks, air filtration devices to protect against wildfire smoke, portable heaters, mini refrigeration units for medications, and portable power supplies to operate medical devices during power outages.



Outreach & Engagement (go-live date, 3/1/24):

These supports include outreach and linkages to other Medicaid or non-Medicaid benefits, for OHP members in eligible HRSN populations that are presumed eligible for HRSN services



Housing (go-live date, 11/1/24):

These supports focus on members who need support to maintain current housing. Eligible members could be connected to rental assistance, utilities, and storage fee assistance and tenancy support services.



Nutrition (go-live date, 1/1/25):

These supports include services such as medically-tailored meals for specific health conditions and nutrition education.

HRSN Housing Eligibility



HRSN Housing Benefit

The goal of the housing benefit is to help people to stay in their current housing and prevent homelessness. Services include:



Rent for up to six months, including past due amounts

- Utility costs for up to six months, including past due amounts
- Storage fees



Housing tenancy sustaining services



Medically-necessary home accessibility modifications and remediations, such as ramp and grab bar installation, pest control, heavy duty cleaning, and related hotel costs

Eligibility for HRSN Rent Assistance & Tenancy Supports

1

Is a Current OHP Member and has at least one Housing Clinical Risk Factor

- Complex behavioral health condition
- Developmental disability
- Complex physical health condition
- Needs assistance with Activities of Daily Living/Instrumental Activities of Daily Living or is eligible for Long Term Services and Supports
- Current or past interpersonal violence experience
- Repeated emergency department use
- Repeated crisis encounters
- Currently pregnant or 12 months postpartum and at risk of certain clinical factors
- Less than six years of age and at risk of certain clinical factors
- More than 65 years of age and at risk of certain clinical factors

2

Belongs to the At-Risk of Homelessness HRSN Covered Population

Has an income that is 30% or less than the area median income in their area

Lacks sufficient resources or support networks to prevent homelessness

3

Additional Eligibility Requirements

Needs support staying in the Member's current housing

Has a lease or written agreement with their landlord (only available to renters)

- Area Median Income levels are set by HUD on an annual basis
- HRSN Utilities Assistance and HRSN Storage Fees are only available to OHP Members who receive Rent

Eligibility for Home Modifications/Remediations

1 Is a Current OHP Member and has at least one Housing Clinical Risk Factor

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- Developmental disability
- Complex physical health condition
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2 Belongs to an HRSN Covered Population

- Adults and Youth Discharged from an HRSN Eligible Behavioral Health Facility
- Adults and Youth Released from Incarceration
- Individuals currently or previously involved in Oregon's Child Welfare system
- Individuals Transitioning to Dual Medicaid and Medicare Status
- Individuals who are part of the HRSN At-Risk of Homeless population; or
- Young Adults with Special Health Care Needs ages 19 and 20 (starting January 2025)

3 Additional Eligibility Requirements

- Member must need the home modification or remediation to help or prevent their health condition
- Landlord approval is needed before delivery (if the Member is a renter)

HRSN Hotel Stays are only available to Members who are receiving HRSN Home Modifications/Remediations + are part of the HRSN At-Risk of Homelessness Covered Population + need a place to stay while the HRSN Home Modifications/Remediations are taking place.

HRSN Housing Benefit Request Form Walkthrough



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How to Ask for HRSN Housing Supports

It may take up to two weeks to review a request for HRSN housing supports. If approved, you may need to wait longer to get the benefit.

Coordinated care organization (CCO) members: Ask your CCO. Your CCO:

- Will approve or deny services within two weeks.
- May need to call you for more information.

To ask, use **your CCO's HRSN housing request form**. You can also [call your CCO](#).

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Open card (fee-for-service) members: Call 1-888-834-4304 or email ORHRSN@acentra.com

Or, send a completed **HRSN Housing Benefit Request Form**. Completing this form does not guarantee eligibility for HRSN housing benefits. Download the form in your language:

[English](#)

[Spanish](#)

HRSN Housing Request Form

Request forms are available on the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) Housing Benefits webpage:

<https://www.oregon.gov/OHA/HSD/OHP/Pages/Housing.aspx>

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HRSN Housing Eligibility Guide:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/OHP/Tools/HRSN-Housing-Eligibility-EN.pdf>

HRSN Housing Q&A



Young Adults with Special Health Care Needs (YSHCN) Update



Expanding Benefits for Young Adults

Starting **January 1, 2025**, OHP will offer more benefits to young adults with qualifying health conditions under a new Medicaid eligibility category:

Young Adults with Special Health Care Needs (YSHCN).



Who are Young Adults with Special Health Care Needs (YSHCN)?

Young adults (19-25) with special health care needs (YSHCN) are those with, or at risk for, ongoing conditions:

- Physical, intellectual, or developmental disabilities
- Long-standing medical conditions
- Mental health conditions, substance use, or neurodevelopmental conditions



YSHCN Income Eligibility Policy Update

305% FPL  **205% FPL**

- In coordination with the governor's office and OHA leadership
- Ensures the launch aligns with budget and policy priorities
- Continuing to study how it will positively impact the lives of Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members
- Further growth and development

Reentry Health Care

Expanding Medicaid to People in Jails, Prisons, and Detention Centers Update



What benefits will be available?

Oregon has been approved to use federal funding to allow people who are incarcerated to access Medicaid coverage **prior to release** to prevent gaps in physical, mental health and substance use care after release.

This will be done via two Medicaid expansion efforts –

1. 2023 Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act (FCAA)
2. Reentry Demonstration of Oregon's 1115 Medicaid Waiver (2022-2027)

1115 Reentry and FCAA Implementation Dates

Background

Original implementation dates:

- FCAA (mandated): January 1, 2025
- 1115 Reentry Waiver: January 1, 2025

OHA previously extended the implementation dates (FCAA to July 2025; 1115 to Jan 2026) due to:

- A lack of CMS FCAA guidance
- Uncertain system and workforce capacity

The Challenge

Having two different implementation dates risked OHA and facilities being **insufficiently ready** for implementation, which could result in:

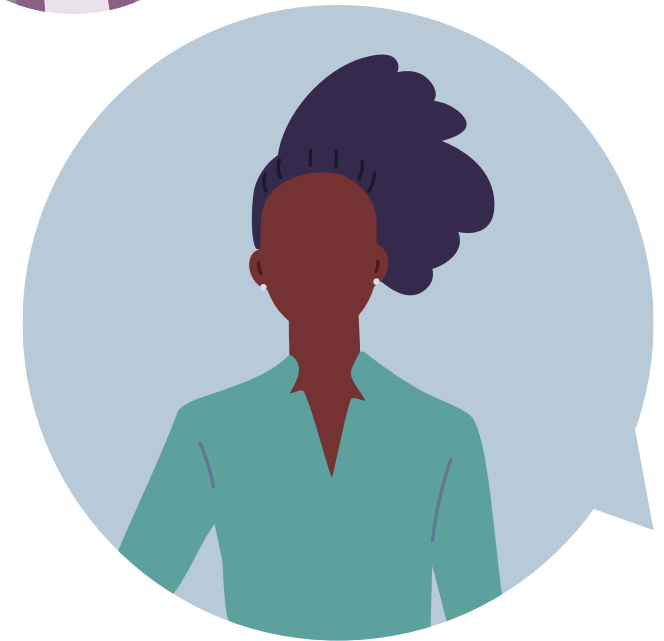
- Incarcerated individuals experiencing gaps in services and coverage
- Additional strain on Oregon's justice and health systems

After receiving additional guidance from CMS on expectations for FCAA implementation, Medicaid services in carceral facilities will launch **no earlier than January 1, 2026**.

Question & Answer



What questions do you have?



Upcoming Sessions

Dates and topics

- ★ **December 11**
Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN)
Services - Nutrition
- ★ **January 8**
Benefit Update Project (BUP)



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