

Oregon's 1115 Medicaid Waiver

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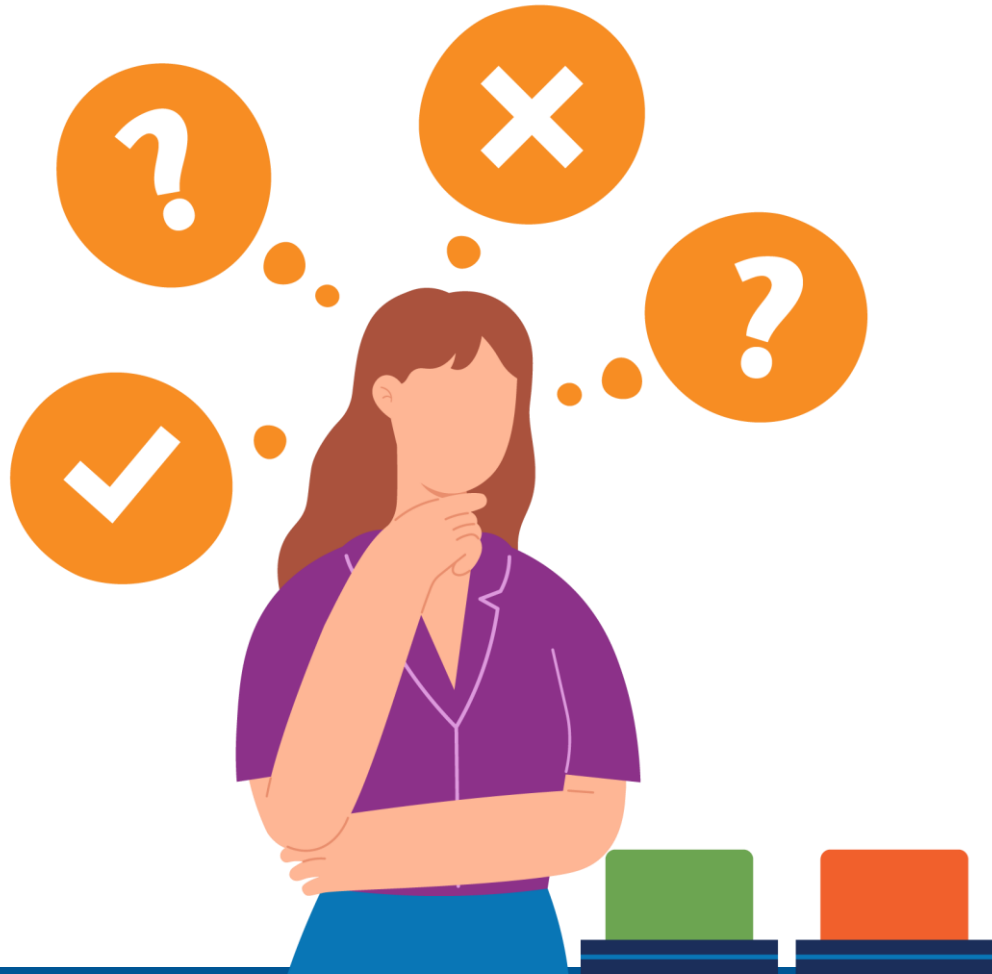
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# 1115 Medicaid Waiver Background



# 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).

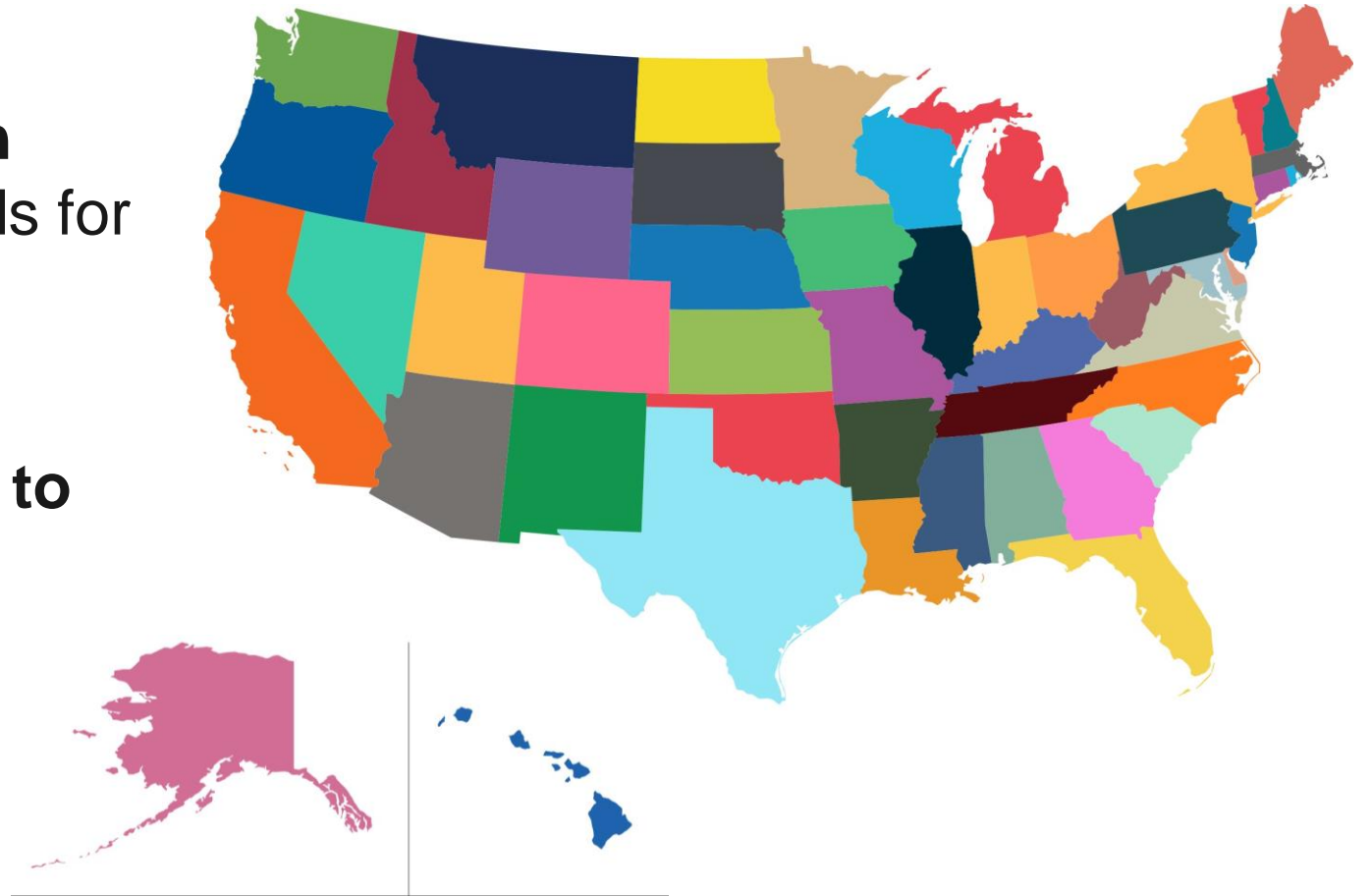
## Oregon Health Plan

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



# What is a Medicaid Waiver?

- The federal government has a **standard set of rules each state must follow** to get funds for Medicaid.
- States can ask the **federal government for permission to change** their Medicaid rules.



# Oregon 1115 Waiver Changes



## CHANGES

- Extended Oregon Health Plan (OHP) eligibility for young children, youth, and adults
- Continuous OHP eligibility and enrollment for children up to age six\*†
- Two years of continuous enrollment for OHP members ages six and older\*†
- 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\*

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

† Note: These benefits are in effect and began in July 2023



# Climate and Outreach & Engagement Overview



# Overview of HRSN Climate and O&E Benefits

## Climate-Related Supports

Coverage began March 1, 2024

- Give people devices that keep temperatures in their homes healthy and clean the air.
- For members with a health condition that makes extreme weather or wildfire smoke dangerous and are experiencing a life transition.

## Outreach and Engagement Benefit

Coverage began March 1, 2024

- Pays local organizations for helping eligible people get Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) benefits.
- Also covers getting help with other needed services like legal, medical, and more.

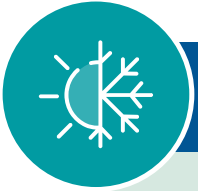
## Benefits to eligible members:

More support from community-based partners

Devices to help keep people safe during extreme weather and wildfires

Improved health outcomes

# HRSN Climate Benefits Overview



Climate devices include:

**Air conditioners** for heat risks



**Air filtration devices** to protect against wildfire smoke



**Mini fridges** for temperature-controlled medications



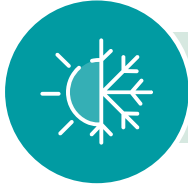
**Portable heaters** for winter



**Portable power supplies** for home medical equipment



# Member Impact



## Climate Benefit

A care coordinator learned during an assessment call with an OHP member that several people in the household (also members) had health conditions that would be negatively impacted by extreme heat and wildfire smoke. The conditions included cardiac issues, asthma and medications that needed refrigeration. To stay healthy during extreme weather, the family stayed at a neighbor's house.

The care coordinator told the member that they qualified for an air conditioner, air filter and mini fridge -- at no cost to them.

Now the family can remain in their home during extreme weather. The member said these benefits would drastically improve their quality of life.

# HRSN Housing Benefit Update

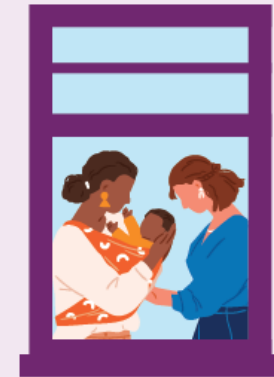




# Housing Services on 11/1/2024

These services include:

- Tenancy sustaining services.
- Medically necessary changes to homes to make them more accessible and safe. Includes exterminating pests, adding ramps and grab bars and help with heavy cleaning.
- Rent for up to six months, including past due amounts.
- Utility set up and costs for up to six months, including past due amounts.
- Storage fees.





# Eligibility for HRSN Housing on 11/1/24

**These benefits focus on keeping people in their homes. To qualify for HRSN Rent, Utilities Assistance and Tenancy Services, a person must:**

- Be currently housed, and
- Need support maintaining current housing and has or will have a lease or written agreement with the landlord, and
- Have an income that is 30% or less than the area median income\* in their area, and lack sufficient resources or support networks to prevent homelessness, and
- Have a Clinical Risk Factor.

\*Find the Housing and Urban Development's Area Median Income here:  
<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il/il24/IncomeLimits-30-FY24.pdf>



# Housing Clinical Risk Factors

## Housing Clinical Risk Factors

- 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





# Eligibility for HRSN Home Modifications/ Remediations on 11/1/24

**To be eligible for HRSN Home Modifications/Remediations, a person must:**

**1. Have a Clinical Risk Factor, and**

**2. Belong to one of the HRSN Transitions Populations:**

- Released from incarceration in the past 12 months.
- Discharged from a residential substance use disorder or mental health facility with 16 or more beds.
- Current or past involvement in the Oregon child welfare system.
- Changing from Medicaid-only to dual (Medicaid and Medicare) coverage, within the next three months or past nine months.
- Have an income that is 30% or less than the area median income where the individual resides, and lacks sufficient resources or support networks to prevent homelessness.

**3. Attest that the home modification or remediation will address a health need.**



# Examples of Potentially Eligible Members

- A person with a qualifying chronic illness loses their job and needs help paying back rent while they look for a new work.
- Someone needs help paying rent because they can't work during a hospitalization or while recovering from an injury.
- Family "doubles up" by moving in with friends and needs financial help to help pay costs to stay in that housing.
- Family at risk of eviction due to severe lack of upkeep of the home and requires heavy duty cleaning services to maintain housing.
- Parent needs help paying for rent when they have to take time off from work to care for child with special health care needs.



# 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 (19-26)** 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



# Why expand benefits for YSHCN?

- In Oregon, **one in five children** under age 18 has a special health care need.
- YSHCN **need more health and social services** than others of the same age.
- **The waiver gives YSHCN extra time to transition from pediatric to adult coverage and care.**



# Who qualifies as YSHCN in 2025?

In 2025, young adults **19 – 20** may qualify as YSHCN if they have one of the following health needs:

1

One or more **complex chronic medical** conditions

2

A **mental health condition**, substance use disorder, or neurodevelopmental condition

3

An **intellectual or developmental disability**

4

An “**elevated service need**” identified through the YSHCN eligibility screening tool

# YSHCN Eligibility Screening

Have an “**elevated service need**” identified through the YSHCN eligibility screening tool

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

- All people 17 – 20 applying for Medicaid through the ONE system will be prompted to answer screening questions to see if they qualify as YSHCN.
- This screening tool may be used by young adults or their caregivers. **They don't need to have a diagnosis to use the tool.**

## SCREENING SURVEY DEVELOPMENT

- OHA worked with OHSU’s Oregon Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Needs (OCCYSHN) to develop the tool
- OCCYSHN coordinated an advisory workgroup to review the tool and conducted testing with users in 6 languages.



# Changes to Benefits & Eligibility January 1, 2025

<b>CURRENT ELIGIBILITY &amp; COVERAGE (19 – 26)</b>	<b>YSHCN ELIGIBILITY &amp; COVERAGE (19 – 26)</b>
Up to 138% Federal Poverty Level	Up to 305% Federal Poverty level
EPSDT* and enhanced vision & dental benefits end at 21	EPSDT* and enhanced vision & dental benefits end at 26
No existing HRSN benefits	HRSN services covered

\* Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic & Treatment (EPSDT): Federal benefit that covers all medically necessary and appropriate services or treatments for children and youth.

# Refresher: EPSDT in Oregon

- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) is a federally required benefit that provides complete health care services for children and youth under age 21 who are enrolled in Medicaid.
- As of January 1, 2023, all medically necessary and appropriate services are covered for OHP members under 21, **regardless of placement on the Prioritized List.**



- **Starting in 2025, YSHCN will have EPSDT coverage until their 26<sup>th</sup> birthday.**

**[Oregon.gov/EPSDT](https://Oregon.gov/EPSDT)**

# 2025 YSHCN Caseload Estimates

	19+20 year old YSHCN
Newly Eligible for OHP (because of YSHCN)	5,895
Current OHP members with expanded benefits	16,339
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22,234</b>

# Community Capacity Building Funds (CCBF) & HRSN Rules Advisory Committee (RAC)



# Community Capacity Building Funds (CCBF) Grant Application & Funding Timelines

Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Launch of CCBF grant program												
CCOs promote CCBF grant program to eligible HRSN providers												
Eligible organizations fill out applications and submit to CCOs			Open 3/1		Due 5/31							
CCOs review applications and submit requests for CCBF awards to OHA. CCOs may submit by 6/17 or by 8/1						★ By 6/17 (batch 1)		OR by 8/1 (batch 2)				
CCOs provide funding notifications to awarded organizations: Funding notifications may go out by Aug 1 or by Sept 15								8/1: Funding notification 1	9/15: Funding notification 2			
CCOs disburse funding to awarded organizations by 8/31 or by 10/16								8/31		10/16		
Providers can begin using CCBF as soon as funds are received												



Where we are today

Additional funding windows will open in 2025

# 2024 Community Capacity Building Funds (CCBF) Feedback Survey

We want to hear from you!

**Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is inviting organizations to take part in a survey about the Community Capacity Building Funds (CCBF) grant program. Your responses will help us make improvements to the next grant program in 2025.**

- If your organization didn't apply for CCBF, or even if you've never heard of it, we still want to hear from you!
- The link for the online survey will be out by the second week in June
- The link will stay open through June 28
- It will take about 15 minutes to complete

# Rulemaking Update

- Opportunity to join a Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) – June 14, 1-4pm
  - Review of rules regarding Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) implementation:
    - Housing services
    - Nutrition services
    - Outreach and Engagement updates
- Additional rulemaking activities for YSHCN will be scheduled soon.

Rule(s)	Description of proposed changes
410-120-0000	Updates HRSN Services and related definitions.
410-120-2000	Updates HRSN Service Delivery to include housing, nutrition, and changes for climate and outreach and engagement services.
410-120-3835	Aligns and clarifies service authorization timeline for HRSN Services.
410-141-3510	Specifies HRSN-related details for provider contracting and credentialing, including housing and nutrition.

To find rulemaking opportunities and learn more visit:  
<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/hsd/pages/rac.aspx>

# Future All Come Sessions





# Summer Break! No All Come webinar in July

- **Reminder:** Today's webinar is the last in this February-June 2024 series.
- **What's next:** We will announce a new series and share the registration link in July.
- **Stay informed:** We will send information about the new webinar series to anyone who registered for this current series and in the 1115 Medicaid Waiver newsletter

# Question & Answer



What questions do you have at this time?



# Stay Connected!

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