

## Public notice

### Notice of intent – OHA will amend the Medicaid State Plan to add supplemental payments for behavioral health providers.

**Date:** Nov. 1, 2024

**Contact:** Jesse Anderson, State Plan manager

**Comments due:** 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024

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The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. The SPA will add supplemental payments to help eligible behavioral health providers access enhanced apprenticeship and training programs and opportunities through [United We Heal Oregon](#).

The estimated annual Federal Fund portion for this SPA is \$6,764,000.

#### Background

[Section 20 of House Bill 4002](#) (2024) requires OHA to provide these payments. To be eligible for these payments, providers must enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with OHA specifying how they will use the payments. OHA will terminate payments if the provider does not follow the terms of the MOU.

#### Obtaining SPA language

The next pages show the draft State Plan language in the proposed SPA. You can also view the full State Plan, approved SPAs and proposed SPAs on [the OHA website](#).

**How to comment:**

OHA welcomes public review and input. Please send written comments by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov 26, 2024, to [jesse.anderson@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:jesse.anderson@oha.oregon.gov).



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**Supplemental Payments for Eligible Behavioral Health Care Providers:**

- I. The United We Heal Supplemental Payment Program provides supplemental medical assistance payments to eligible behavioral health care providers (BHCP) to enable the providers to access enhanced apprenticeship and training programs and opportunities by participating in a labor-management training trust and increase the available behavioral health care workforce (BHCW) in the state.
  - A. Definitions. When used in this section, the following definitions apply:
    1. Eligible labor-management training trust – A joint labor management training trust with (a) equal voting rights of labor and management trustees; (b) provides high quality education and training to healthcare and behavioral health workers across multiple employers statewide; (c) was in existence when HB 4002, HB 5204, and SB 5701 were signed into law; and (d) agrees to use payments exclusively for the benefit of Oregon BHCPs.
    2. Oregon Health Authority (OHA) – The single state Medicaid agency for Oregon.
  - B. Eligibility Criteria. To qualify for a supplemental payment under this section, a BHCP must:
    1. Be a participating provider in the Oregon Medicaid assistance program and received a Medicaid payment for behavioral health services provided;

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2. Participate in the eligible labor-management training trust that provides access to enhanced apprenticeship and training programs and opportunities and increases the available behavioral health care workforce in the state.
  3. Have a signed memorandum of understanding with OHA that certifies their participation in a qualified labor-management training trust and specifies how the supplemental payments will be used to enable BHCP's to access enhanced apprenticeship and training programs and opportunities by participating in a labor-management trust.
- C. Methodology to calculate behavioral health care workforce-specific supplemental payment amounts.
1. Establish a payment pool of total available supplemental payment amount for all qualifying BHCP which equal to the general fund revenue appropriated plus associated federal matching funds.
  2. Extract Medicaid payments for eligible BHCPs determined per subsection (B) from the state's Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) for the effective dates of payment.
  3. The allocation percentage for each eligible BHCP will be determined by dividing the BHCP's total Medicaid revenue from subsection (2) of this section by the aggregate sum of all eligible BHCPs' Medicaid revenue from the same subsection.

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4. The BHCP-specific supplemental payment will equal the total available supplemental payment amount from subsection (1) of this section multiplied by the allocation percentage from subsection (3) of this section.