
Document Title: Family Connects Oregon Commercial Insurance Carrier Status Update
December 2024

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Objective

To provide commercial health benefit plan partners a monthly standardized update about the latest developments in Family Connects Oregon.

Status Update

- **The 2025-2027 Reimbursement Advisory Committee (RAC)**'s first meeting was on November 21. The first meeting's agenda gave members the Statutory Framework, Overview of the Rate Setting Process, Role of the RAC and the Cost Template and Cost Template Standards presentation. RAC members have until Friday, December 6 to give their comments and suggestions on the Cost Template and Cost Template Standards.
 - **RAC Next Steps**
 - OHA will meet in early December to review and integrate RAC member comments into the Cost Template and Cost Template Standards. The final Cost Template and Cost Template Standards will go out to FCO sites by Monday, December 16, 2024. Cost Templates will be due to OHA by February 14, 2025.
- **FCO Rules Advisory Committee update** - We are in the final stages of amending the FCO program rules, OAR chapter 333 division 6. FCO has a legislative mandate to meet the needs of communities where the program operates. There is a need to expand the type of organizations eligible to be designated as the Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Provider and Community Lead to include, for example, hospitals and non-profit organizations. To better support equitable implementation and decrease administrative burden, various other minor changes are being made.

The proposed rules change will go into effect on January 1, 2025.

- **FCO site launch updates:**
 - Lane County Public Health began offering services on November 1, 2024.
 - Yamhill County Public Health will begin offering services starting January 1, 2025.
 - Polk County Health Department will launch services in February 2025.

- United Community Action Network (UCAN; Douglas County) will begin offering services February 1, 2025.
- South Coast is planning to offer services starting July 1, 2025.
- Multnomah County is planning to offer services starting late 2025.
- Our **first carrier call of 2025** will be **Tuesday, January 21, 2025** at 1:05 p.m. via [Microsoft Teams](#). We look forward to connecting with you all!
- **Family Connects Oregon Year-in-Review**
 - July 2024 – NPR [Babies don't come with instructions. But in Oregon, they now come with a nurse](#)
 - September 2024 – [CNN This old-fashioned approach is cutting ER visits for new moms in half](#)
 - 9 counties currently offer FCO visits:
 - Washington • Malheur • Crook • Deschutes • Jefferson • Benton • Lane • Lincoln • Linn

FCO Site Contacts

This section of our monthly status update provides carriers with up-to-date information on key contacts at new FCO sites. Please remember that FCO sites will reach out to you to initiate contact for contracting/credentialing.

FCO Site	FCO Provider	Name	Role	Email Address
South Coast: Curry, Coos, and Coastal Douglas	Bay Area Hospital	Stacey Nelson	Nursing Supervisor	stacey.nelson@bayareahospital.org
Lane County	Lane County Public Health	Brian K. Johnson	Program Administrator	brian.k.johnson@lanecountyoregon.gov
Multnomah County	Multnomah County Health Department	Beata Nizinski	Finance Specialist	beata.i.nizinski@multco.us
Polk County	Polk County Health Department	Stacey Moran	Billing Supervisor	moran.stacey@co.polk.or.us
Douglas County	United Community Action Network (UCAN)	Colleen May	Program Administrator	colleen.may@ucanap.org

Yamhill County	Yamhill County Public Health	Layne Pendleton-Baker	Fiscal Manager	pendleton- bakerl@yamhillcounty.gov
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For More Information

OHA Family Connects Oregon webpage:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/healthypeoplefamilies/babies/homevisiting/pages/family-connects-oregon.aspx>

Send us your questions and feedback via the [Family Connects Oregon Question and Feedback Form](#)

Contact us via email: oregon.uohv@odhsoha.oregon.gov
