
Document Title: Family Connects Oregon Commercial Insurance Carrier Status Update
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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

- **In case you missed it! - Family Connects Oregon is in the news!**
 - FCO was featured on CNN in September! CNN heralds FCO as an “old fashioned approach cutting ER visits for new moms in half.” We are pleased to see the positive health impacts of FCO on families in Oregon! [Watch the CNN story here!](#)
- **The 2025-2027 Reimbursement Advisory Committee’s** first meeting is on Thursday, November 21. The first meeting’s agenda will an overview of the Statutory Framework, Overview of the Rate Setting Process, Role of the RAC and the Cost Template and Budget Standards presentation.
- **FCO Rules Advisory Committee update** - We are in the process of amending the FCO program rules, OAR chapter 333 division 6. To “meet the needs of communities where the program operates,” per legislative mandate, 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.

You are invited to review and comment on the proposed rules. There are two (2) options to provide comment:

- You may provide oral (spoken) testimony during a public hearing scheduled on **Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 11:00 A.M. Pacific Time** via video/phone conference using Microsoft Teams
- Written comments may be submitted before **5:00 P.M. Pacific Time on November 22, 2024**

Please [visit the FCO website](#) for **more information on how to provide feedback** including details about the public hearing, how to provide public comment, and the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

- **FCO site launch updates:**
 - Lane County Public Health began offering FCO services on November 1, 2024.
 - Polk and Yamhill County Health Departments anticipate offering FCO services starting January 1, 2025.
 - Other sites in the 2024 FCO Cohort are in planning and *estimated* to begin offering services starting early-to-mid 2025.
- Our last carrier call of 2024 will be **Tuesday, November 19th** at 1:05 p.m. via Microsoft Teams. We look forward to connecting with you all!

FCO Site Contacts

This is a new section of our monthly status update to keep carriers up-to-date 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
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@lanecounty.org
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@ucan.org
Yamhill County	Yamhill County Public Health	Layne Pendleton-Baker	Fiscal Manager	pendleton-bakerl@yamhillcounty.gov

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
