Oregon’s 2022 Priority Topics

Oregon’s 1115 Waiver Renewal

On February 18, 2022, Oregon submitted a 2022-2027 1115(a) Demonstration Waiver renewal application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Oregon’s application will continue foundational elements of the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) with a substantial focus on addressing health inequities in our state, while maintaining our commitment to achieving universal coverage and delivery system reforms that promote high-quality care while containing costs. Policy concept areas:

- Maximize continuous and equitable access to coverage
- Improve health outcomes by streamlining life and coverage transitions
- Move to a value-based population payment
- Incentivize equitable care
- Improve health through focused equity investments led by communities
- Alignment with Tribal partners’ priorities

Learn more: [https://oregon.gov/1115WaiverRenewal](https://oregon.gov/1115WaiverRenewal), Health Affairs Forefront

Joint Task Force On the Bridge Health Care Program

In 2022, the Oregon Legislature passed legislation creating a task force to inform the development of a bridge health program to provide insurance to adults with income between 138-200% of the federal poverty level. Data suggests this population is most likely to churn between eligibility for OHP and Marketplace-based coverage, but often end up uninsured.

Goals:

- Adults with income between 138-200% FPL stay in their Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) instead of being terminated from OHP and directed to the Marketplace.
- CCOs get monthly payment for each enrollee as they do for OHP
- Coverage paid for by federal funds that would otherwise fund Marketplace-based tax credits
- Enrollees maintain access to current providers with little-to-no premiums or out-of-pocket costs

Learn more: [https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021I1/Committees/JTBHCP/Overview](https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021I1/Committees/JTBHCP/Overview)

Home visiting

Home visiting is a proven strategy for strengthening families and improving the health status of women and children. Programs are voluntary and serve families with a variety of risk factors.
Goals of Universally offered Home Visiting:
- Create and strengthen community level systems of care for families of newborns
- Offer support to all new parents in Oregon (regardless of risk and insurance status)
- Increase access to community services and supports
- Promote collaboration and coordination across Oregon’s early childhood and home visiting systems
- Improve health outcomes for families across the life-course

Funding for programs comes from a variety of sources including federal, state, county, local and private funding.

The program is being rolled out across the state in phases and is currently active in much of the state.

Learn more: https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYPEOPLEFAMILIES/BABIES/HOMEVISITING/Pages/index.aspx

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