

# Oregon Health Plan 1115(a) Waiver Demonstration Special Terms and Conditions related to Loan Repayment

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# Background: Oregon's Medicaid Waiver

- Signed on July 5, 2012
- Focus on supporting Oregon's health system transformation and Coordinated Care Organizations
- Emphasis on shift to prevention, primary care
- Provides \$1.9 billion over 5 years if we meet certain terms and conditions
  - Through Designated State Health Program (DSHP)
  - Some DSHP funding comes from allowing the state to claim federal financial participation for a portion of state expenditures for health workforce training programs

# Waiver Terms and Conditions: Oregon's Commitment

- 2 percentage point reduction in Medicaid spending trend
- Improving health and health care as measured by specified metrics
- Ensure training of community health care workers
- Establishing a primary care provider loan repayment program

# Oregon's Commitment: Loan Repayment

- To promote improved access to primary care for Medicaid beneficiaries
- Loan Repayment: The State shall commit to funding a primary care provider loan repayment program, with the following conditions:
  - By July 1, 2013, the State shall establish an annual funding level of \$2,000,000 to provide assistance to providers who make written commitments to serving Medicaid populations in rural and underserved areas.
  - If the State is unable to establish funding for this program at the amount specified, DSHP funding is reduced.

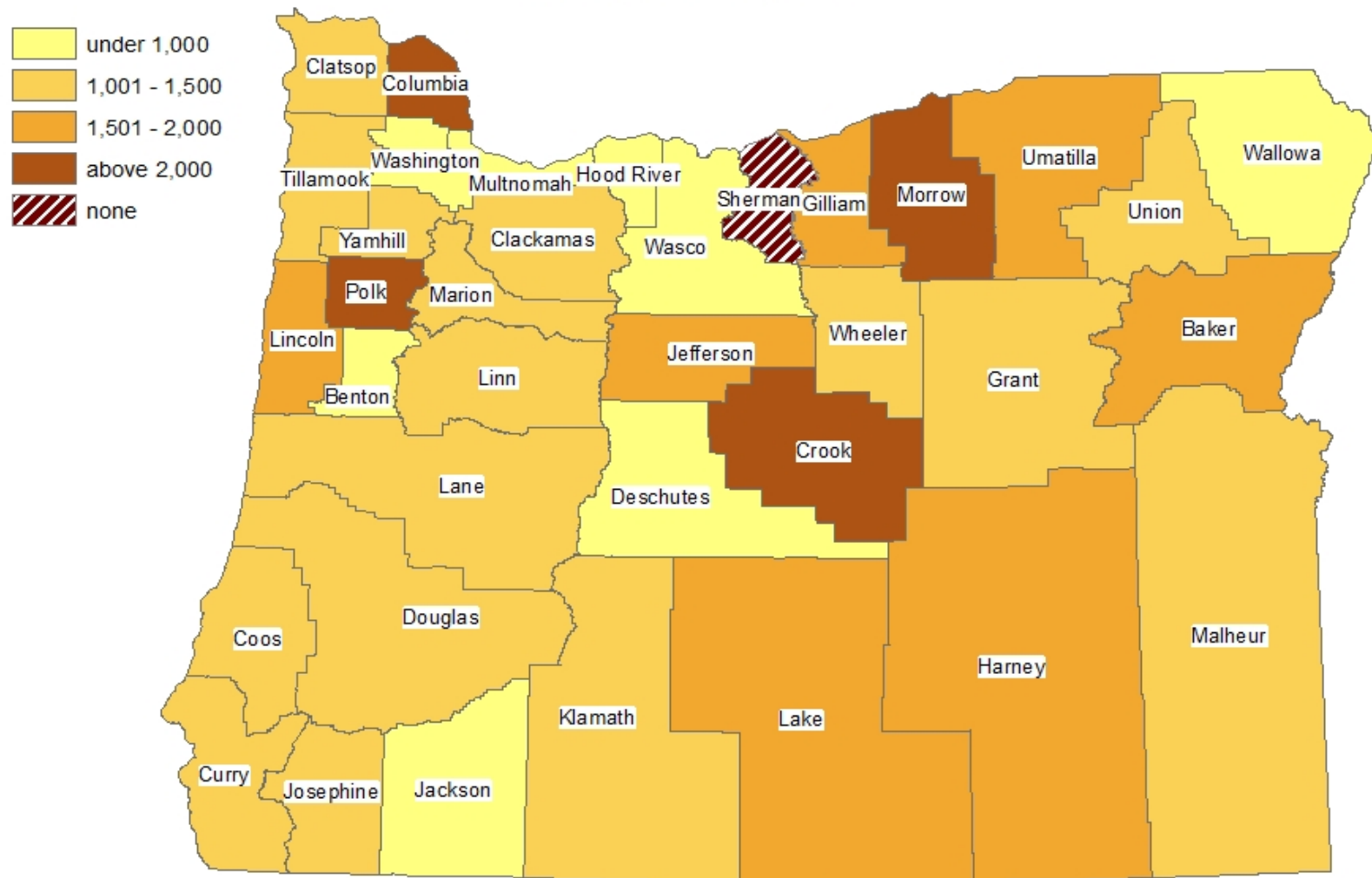
# CMS Parameters: Loan Repayment

- Priority for loan repayment should be given to the following provider types, who are also counted for purposes of Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) designations.
  - Physicians (MDs or DOs) in primary care disciplines (general practice, family medicine, general internal medicine, pediatrics, and obstetrics & gynecology)
  - Dentists – general or pediatric
  - Psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, clinical social workers, psychiatric nurse specialists, and marriage and family specialists/therapists.

# CMS Parameters: Loan Repayment

- May expand eligibility to these providers not currently counted for purposes of HPSA designations:
  - Nurse Practitioners (in primary care)
  - Physician Assistants (in primary care)
  - Expanded Practice Permit Dental Hygienists
- HPSA scores should “play a role in decision-making as the state distributes the loan repayment awards.”
- Requirement of written attestation that loan repayment awardee will see Medicaid patients.

**Map 4. Population-to-Practitioner Ratios by County, 2012:  
Primary Care Physicians \***



\* Primary Care Physicians are those whose practice specialty is in: Family Medicine/Practice, General Practice, Geriatrics, Pediatrics, Adolescent Medicine, and General/Internal Medicine.