

Joint Task Force on the Bridge Health Care Program

Background Materials

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- Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO) staff assemble background reading and reference materials for the members of the Joint Task Force on the Bridge Health Care Program.
- These readings are intended to support all members to be prepared with key terms and foundational knowledge during Task Force meetings. Because Task Force members bring diverse perspectives and expertise, a wide range of materials are included.
- LPRO staff will post background readings to the [Oregon Legislative Information System](#) (OLIS) prior to each meeting.

Meeting Date	Advance Reading Materials
5/24/22	<p>1. Background on Essential Health Benefits as defined in the Affordable Care Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The federal Healthcare.gov web page introducing the ten" essential health benefits" (EHBs) that must be covered under any health plan that is offered on the ACA Marketplace. Task Force members may also find the brief information in the "More Answers" section of this page useful.<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. https://www.healthcare.gov/coverage/what-marketplace-plans-cover/b. The Healthcare.Oregon.gov web page providing further details on EHBs in Marketplace plans offered in Oregon.<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. https://healthcare.oregon.gov/marketplace/coverage/Pages/Marketplace-health-coverage.aspxc. Oregon's "Benchmark Plan" that defines the minimum benefits that must be covered by health plans offered on Oregon's marketplace for plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2022.<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Updated Oregon Benchmark Plan: https://dfr.oregon.gov/rates-forms/Pages/base-benchmark-plan.aspxii. CMS Benchmark Plan Information: https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021I1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/255419iii. Summary table: https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021I1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/255420

	<p>2. Background on the Oregon Health Plan benefits package</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Oregon Health Authority web page providing an overview of benefits covered in the Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/OHP/Pages/Benefits.aspx <p>3. State 1331 Blueprints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Basic Health Program Blueprint template – states requesting to operate a Section 1331 Basic Health Program must submit this form as an official request for certification of the program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. https://www.medicaid.gov/sites/default/files/2019-11/bhp-blueprint.pdf b. New York’s Basic Health Program 1331 Blueprint application (2021) includes details on eligibility and enrollment (section 4), premiums and cost sharing (section 6), covered benefits (section 8) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. https://www.medicaid.gov/sites/default/files/2019-11/ny-basic-hlth-prg-blueprint.pdf c. Minnesota’s Basic Health Program 1331 Blueprint application (2017) includes details on eligibility and enrollment (section 4), premiums and cost sharing (section 6), covered benefits (section 8) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. https://www.medicaid.gov/sites/default/files/2019-11/minnesota-bhp-blueprint.pdf
5/10/22	<p>1. Background on Health Insurance Exchanges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A one-page handout describing how Oregonians accessed health insurance in 2021 (Oregon Health Authority) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021I1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/255315 b. A one-page overview and interactive map showing how states operate health insurance exchanges for people who are shopping for health care plans on the 'marketplace.' (National Conference of State Legislatures) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. https://www.ncsl.org/research/health/state-actions-to-implement-the-health-benefit.aspx#Overview b. Page 3 of the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace 2021 Annual Report providing a description of Oregon’s state-based exchange hosted on the federal platform (HealthCare.gov) (Oregon Health Authority) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. https://healthcare.oregon.gov/Documents/2021%20OHIM%20Annual%20Report-FINAL.pdf <p>2. Overview of the Basic Health Program ("1331 blueprint")</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A brief overview of Section 1331 of the Affordable Care Act that gives states the option of creating a Basic Health Program (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. https://www.medicaid.gov/basic-health-program/index.html b. A six-page memo of Frequently Asked Questions about the Basic Health Program (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. https://www.medicaid.gov/sites/default/files/2019-11/basic-health-program-faqs-5-7-14.pdf <p>3. Overview of State Innovation Waivers ("1332 waiver")</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A brief overview of state approaches to Section 1332 waivers under the Affordable Care Act (National Conference of State Legislatures) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. https://www.ncsl.org/research/health/state-roles-using-1332-health-waivers.aspx 4. Overview of Medicaid Demonstration Waivers (“1115 waiver”) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A brief overview of Section 1115 of the Social Security Act that authorizes pilot or demonstration projects within states’ Medicaid programs (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/section-1115-demonstrations/about-section-1115-demonstrations/index.html
4/26/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oregon House Bill 4035 establishing the Joint Task Force on the Bridge Health Care Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2022R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB4035/Enrolled 2. Medicaid Enrollment Churn and Implications for Continuous Coverage Policies (Kaiser Family Foundation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/medicaid-enrollment-churn-and-implications-for-continuous-coverage-policies/ 3. New CMS Guidance on Expectations for Unwinding Federal Medicaid Continuous Coverage (State Health & Value Strategies) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. https://www.shvs.org/new-cms-guidance-on-expectations-for-unwinding-federal-medicaid-continuous-coverage/ 4. How States Are Getting Ready to Unwind Medicaid’s Continuous Coverage Requirement (National Academy for State Health Policy) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. https://www.nashp.org/how-states-are-getting-ready-to-unwind-medicaid-continuous-coverage-requirement/