
1115 Medicaid Waiver Summary 2022-2027

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Overarching Waiver Goal: *Advance Health Equity*

To achieve this, our policy framework breaks down the drivers of health inequities into actionable sub-goals:



Ensuring people
can maintain their
health coverage



Improving health
outcomes by
addressing
health related
social needs



Ensuring smart,
flexible spending
for health-related
social needs and
health equity



Creating a more
equitable,
culturally- and
linguistically-
responsive health
care system

2022-2027 Waiver Authorities

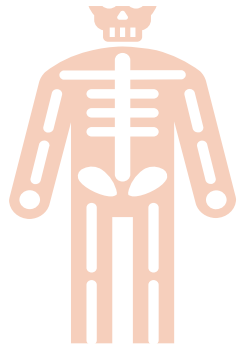
Comprehensive investments in Children's Health to Advance Health Equity

- Oregon will provide continuous enrollment for young children until they reach age six.
- OHP will include all Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) required services for children and youth until age 21.
- The Youth with Special Health Care Needs (YSHCN) eligibility criteria will allow these youth to have expanded benefits, including EPSDT, until age 26.
- Health-related social needs benefits will be available for YSHCN, children and youth who are welfare involved, and youth involved in criminal justice and their families.

Continuous enrollment for children and youth

- Oregon will provide **continuous enrollment for children through age 6**, regardless of when they first enroll in the Oregon Health Plan, and regardless of changes in circumstances that would otherwise cause a loss of eligibility.
- OHP can provide **two-years of continuous enrollment for people age six and up** even if their eligibility status changes.

Positive health impacts of Continuous Enrollment



Continuity of care
Access to
preventive care
Higher quality care
Better health
outcomes



Fewer gaps in
coverage and care
Less duplication of
services
Less delayed care



Lower
administrative
resources and
costs
More streamlined
administration of
services

Sources: (1) <https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hlthaff.2016.0455> (2) <https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hlthaff.2014.1204>

Positive health impacts of Continuous Enrollment for children

- Continuous enrollment for young children is optimal because it is a time of critical development. Coverage promotes access to health care and the preventive services needed to identify and address physical, behavioral, and developmental concerns before they impede a child's performance in school.
- Stable coverage has a positive impact on family financial stability, mitigating the negative impacts of poverty and income volatility including food insecurity, unstable housing, parental stress and reduced child academic attainment

Inconsistent coverage for kids leads to:

- Higher likelihood of unmet medical, prescription and dental needs
- A delay in accessing urgent care
- A lower likelihood of having a usual source of care.

EPSDT Expansion

- The EPSDT benefit provides comprehensive and preventive health care services for children under age 21 who are enrolled in Medicaid.
- Oregon previously had a waiver related to a portion of EPSDT coverage. Removing this waiver brings Oregon into compliance with Title XIX and aligns with all other states.
- Beginning January 1, 2023, OHP covers any medically necessary and medically appropriate services for enrolled children and youth until their 21st birthday, **regardless of the Prioritized List.**
- Services may not be denied for children and youth without an individual review based on the child's needs.

www.oregon.gov/EPSDT

Youth with Special Healthcare Needs (YSHCN)

- Extended coverage to age 26 up to 300% of the Federal Poverty Level
- Eligible for Health Related Social Needs benefit when screening indicates.
- YSHCN eligibility criteria:
 - Have one serious chronic condition as represented by the Pediatric Medical Complexity Algorithm (PMCA)'s list of Complex Chronic conditions.
 - Have a serious emotional disturbance or serious mental health illness.
 - Have a diagnosed disability through ODDS (IDD/APD).
 - Have an “Elevated Service Need” or functional limitations as determined by two or more affirmative responses to a screener
 - *For SFY 2026 phase in:* Have two chronic conditions as represented by the PMCA's Non-Complex Chronic conditions.

2022-2027 Waiver Authorities - HRSN

- Rental assistance or temporary housing for up to 6 months
- Utility assistance for up to 6 months
- Home modifications
- Pre-tenancy and tenancy support services
- Housing-focused navigation and/or case manager

Housing



- Community-based food resources
- Nutrition and cooking education
- Fruit and vegetable prescriptions for up to 6 months, and healthy food boxes/meals
- Medically tailored meal delivery

Food

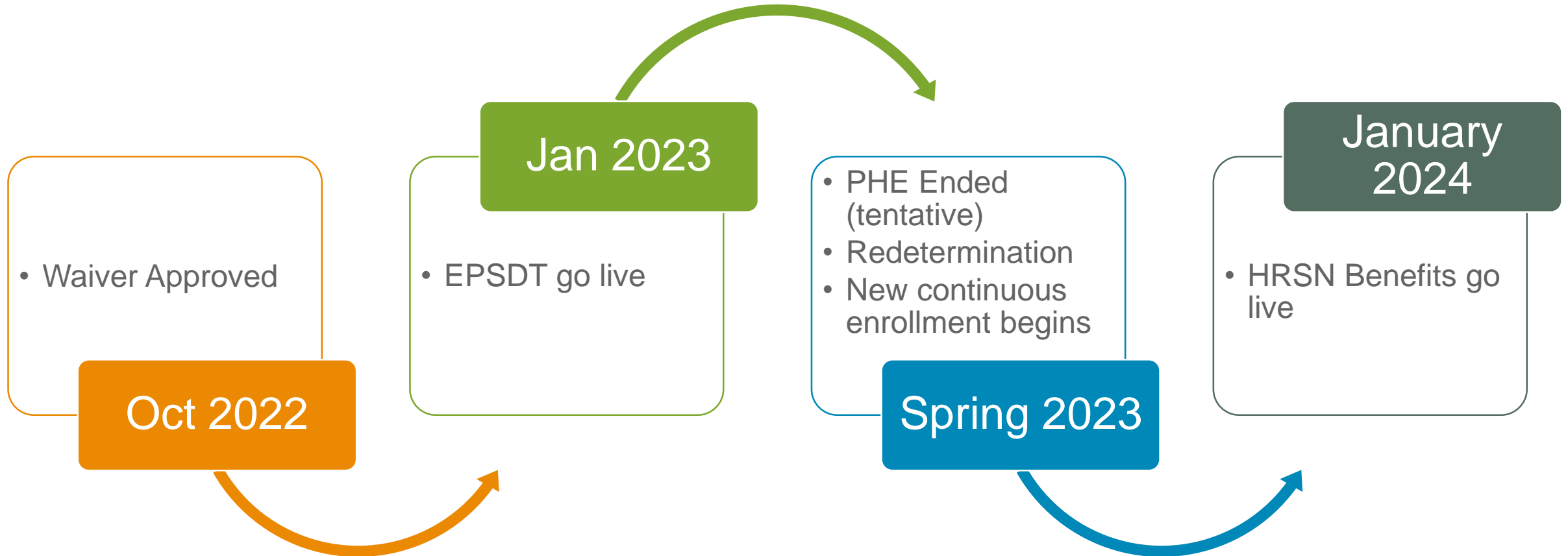


- Payment for devices that maintain healthy temperatures and clean air, including air conditioners, heaters, air filters and generators to operate devices when power outages occur

Climate



Timeline for Implementation



Questions?

Thank you!

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