
1115 Medicaid Waiver Update

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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

Waiver Requests Approved & Outstanding

CMS approved several groundbreaking initiatives in Oregon's 2022 – 2027 1115 waiver demonstration renewal. The state is continuing negotiations with CMS on outstanding items and moving ahead on the design and implementation of items that were approved.

Items Approved September 28, 2022

- Continuous Eligibility (CE) for adults and children
- Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT)
- Designated State Health Programs (DSHP)
- Youth with Special Health Care Needs (YSHCN)
- Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Services:
 - Housing supports
 - Nutrition supports
 - Case management
 - Climate supports
- HRSN Infrastructure
- Prioritized List

Items for Continued CMS Negotiation

- In-reach services for individuals involved in the justice system (*Oregon resumed negotiations in June 2023*)
- For American Indian/Alaska Native beneficiaries converting the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) to a Medicaid benefit, and receiving reimbursement for tribal-based practices (*negotiation timeline has not been provided*)
- Community Investment Collaboratives (*on hold*)

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment

- **Early and Periodic, Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) is a federal standard that requires state Medicaid programs to cover all medically necessary services for OHP members under age 21.**
- **Until 2023, Oregon had a waiver that allowed OHA and CCOs to not cover all treatments for this population, using the Prioritized List to establish the baseline benefit instead.**
- **Effective 1/1/23, OHA and CCOs are required to provide full EPSDT coverage for members under age 21.**

Continuous Eligibility

- Approval granted to extend OHP eligibility to cover individuals continuously, without the need to redetermine eligibility for benefits every year.
- Children are now able to stay covered without interruption from ages 0-6
- Individuals over age 6 will remain eligible for a 2-year period.

Health-Related Services (HRS) Flexible Services

compared to

Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Services

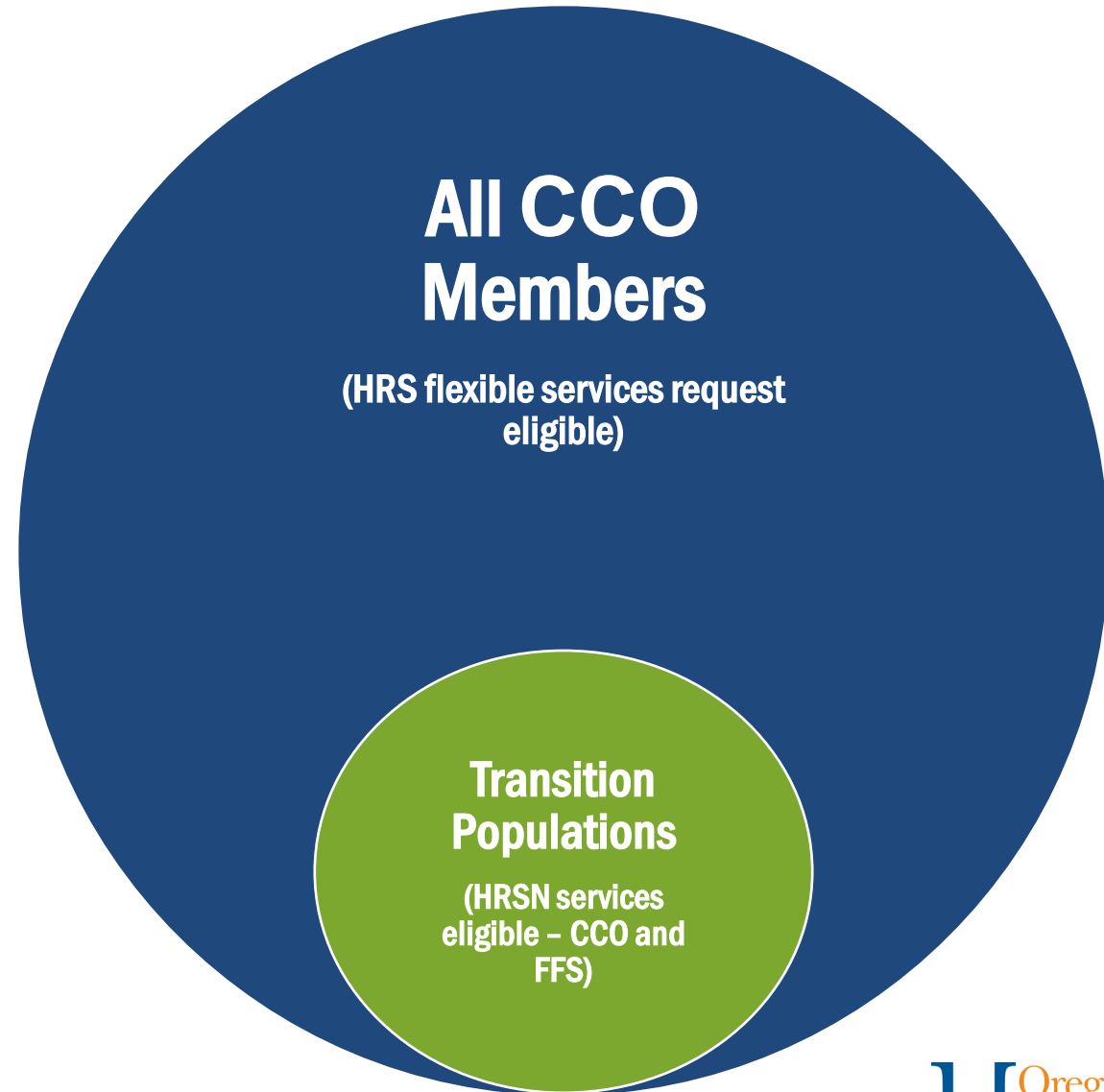


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Transition populations eligible for HRSN services

- Youth with Special Health Care Needs ages 19-26;
- Adults and youth discharged from an IMD (Institutions for Mental Disease);
- Adults and youth released from incarceration;
- Youth involved in the child welfare system, including youth transitioning out;
- People transitioning from Medicaid-only to dual eligibility status (Medicare and Medicaid);
- People who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless; and,
- People with a high-risk clinical need who reside in a region experiencing extreme weather.

People in the populations above must have a documented need for the services based on clinical and social risk factors



Health-Related Social Needs

Timeline from approval to implementation

2023	January 2024	Nov 2024	January 2025	TBD
Implementation planning for CMS deliverables and CCO contracts	Climate benefit goes live	Housing benefits for individuals at-risk for homelessness	Nutrition services go live for eligible populations	Phased implementation of HRSN services for all eligible populations*

- *The phased implementation for benefits for all approved populations is still under development and will be informed by implementation considerations identified by providers.

Health-Related Social Needs - Climate

Status – Nearing Implementation

Background

Climate devices approved for high-risk individuals, or those residing in an area of a declared state of emergency who meet clinical criteria.

Examples:

Air filtration devices, air conditioners, home refrigeration units, space heaters, portable power supply.

Upcoming dates:

- Go-live scheduled for 1/1/2024

Health-Related Social Needs - Housing

Status – Implementation Planning

- Short-term rent assistance, housing navigation and tenancy support services available for eligible members at risk of homelessness starting Nov. 1, 2024.
- Expected to augment, but not replace, housing benefits available through other programs.

Upcoming dates:

- Draft rules for housing anticipated 2/15/24

Health-Related Social Needs - Nutrition

Status – Implementation Planning

- Includes nutrition counseling and education, medically-tailored meals, and fruit and vegetable prescriptions.
- Nutrition services provided through HRSN funding are expected to augment existing sources such as SNAP and WIC, when applicable.

Upcoming dates:

- Benefit will go live
1/1/25

Health-Related Social Needs: Capacity Building and Infrastructure Funds

- Of the \$1.2b in DSHP funds, \$119m was allocated to support investments in infrastructure and capacity building.
- OHA is working to establish new funding agreements with CCOs.
- CCOs will distribute funding to community-based organizations by 7/1/24.
- OHA will work closely with CCOs and community partner networks to ensure CBOs are aware of the opportunity to apply for capacity building funds.

Partnering on Implementation Planning: Engagement

- Ongoing collaboration with federal, state and community partners around the design of HRSN services and metrics
- Ongoing CCO work sessions
- Extensive outreach to housing service providers
- Maintain ongoing learning sessions with HealthShare regarding their housing pilot
- Coordinated communications plan

Next Steps

Thank you!

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