

Oregon's 1115 Medicaid Waiver Update

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Today's Agenda

1 | Recent Climate Benefit Updates
Review changes to the climate benefit

2 | What's to Come in 2024
Launch dates for HRSN benefits

3 | Evaluation Criteria
Share the 1115 Waiver evaluation plan, including development, timing, and intention

What are Health-Related Social Needs?



- **Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN):** The **social and economic needs that impact an individual's ability** to maintain their health and well-being. For example, affordable housing and utilities, access to diverse, healthy foods, and support accessing benefit programs.



HRSN services that will be provided:

- Housing support
- Nutrition support
- **Climate-related needs**
- Outreach & engagement

Health Related Social Need (HRSN) Specific Funding Components

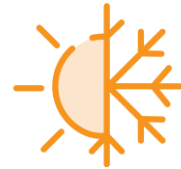
- **\$119 million** approved for grants for infrastructure and capacity building called **Community Capacity Building Funds** to HRSN providers (e.g., community-based organizations, social service agencies, tribal providers, others).
- **\$904 million** available for **HRSN services** to eligible individuals, including:



**Housing
Supports**



**Nutrition
Supports**



**Climate
Supports**



**Outreach &
Engagement**

Population Sequencing for HRSN Services

Phase 1:
March
2024

Climate Services Launch for transition population

Phase 2:
November
2024

Housing Services Launch for Select Populations:

- Focus on those “at risk” of becoming houseless and prevent more people from entering the chronically houseless population

Phase 3:
January
2025

Nutrition Services Launch for all eligible populations

Phase 4: **Timing TBD**

Remaining Populations Launch

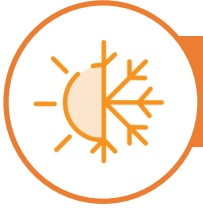
- Launch housing services for remaining eligible populations, including those experiencing houselessness

2024

2025

2026

Climate Benefit Update



Changes to the Upcoming Climate Benefits

- Climate benefits will start in **March 2024**, instead of January 2024.
- OHA sought flexibility from CMS to distribute devices to Members in the transition population, and to those experiencing extreme weather prior to an emergency declared by the Governor or federal government.
- OHA did not receive approval for this flexibility to distribute prior to an event, so **device distribution will be limited to Members who fall within the transition populations only.**

Who can receive climate devices?

Members in the Transition Population

- Adults and youth discharged from an Institution for Mental Disease (IMD)
- Adults and youth released from incarceration
- Youth involved in the child welfare system or the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)
- Individuals transitioning from Medicaid-only to dual Medicaid and Medicare coverage
- Individuals who are houseless or at risk of becoming houseless
- *Young adults, ages 19-26, with Special Healthcare Needs (YSHCN) (1/1/25)*

Community Capacity Building Funds



Support for Community Partners Participating in HRSN Program

OHA is committed to promoting HRSN participation amongst **smaller organizations that may have fewer resources** but can provide critical HRSN services to OHA's priority populations.



Community Capacity Building Funds

What are Community Capacity Building Funds (CCBF)?

- Oregon has been authorized to spend up to **\$119 million** on Community Capacity Building Funds to support the development and implementation of the Health-Related Social Needs program.
- Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) will administer these funds to eligible community partners.*
- CCOs will be required to use a standardized application and budget request template.
- Eligible Community Partners such as Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and others will be able to apply for and use these funds to support the HRSN program.

*Tribal Governments/Providers will receive a set aside amount of this funding to be administered through a different process

Eligible Groups for Community Capacity Building Funds

Groups that may apply for and receive these funds include but are not limited to:

- Community-based organizations (CBOs)
- Social-service agencies
- Housing agencies and providers
- Food and nutrition service providers
- Case management providers
- Traditional health workers
- Child welfare providers
- City, county, and local government agencies

Please Note: The final list of eligible groups will be finalized with CMS.

What's to Come in 2024



Engagement Opportunities in 2024



- On-going regularly scheduled engagement with CCOs and HRSN Providers to allow for updates, discussion, and feedback
- Recurring public webinars in English and Spanish, providing 1115 Waiver updates
- Opportunities for Housing and Nutrition service providers to participate in focused work sessions
- Regularly distributed newsletters and FAQs providing 1115 Waiver updates and resources
- Updated Provider and Member Journey maps to support navigating and delivering 1115 Waiver services

What's Upcoming in 2024 for Housing

January

- **Develop a common language, identify the characteristics of the impacted population, and develop the Member Journey**
- Medicaid & Eligibility for HRSN housing benefits
- HRSN in the context of other housing programs, particularly eviction prevention
- Mapping the Member Journey

March

- **Discuss what being an HRSN housing provider entails**
- Provider Journey, roles/responsibilities & the relationship with CCOs
- Mapping the flow of resources
- The Community Capacity Building Fund to mitigate implementation barriers

What's Upcoming in 2024 for Housing

April

Establish the framework for state-wide implementation

- Recap revisions to the Member and Provider Journeys based on feedback
- Review desired outcomes
- Establish regionally based relationships
- Review readiness

June

Lay the groundwork for regional coordination and go-live plan

- Recap revisions to the Member and Provider Journeys based on feedback
- Review desired outcomes
- Establish regionally based relationships
- Review readiness

August

Support the final stages of go-live planning

- Solve implementation barriers
- Review readiness, challenges and gaps

Evaluation Criteria



Evaluating Medicaid Waivers

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- Waivers are an opportunity for states to test and implement new innovations using Medicaid funding
- Every 1115 Waiver must be evaluated by an independent party
- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) provides a starting list of evaluation requirements and must approve the design plans
- Oregon has contracted with **CORE** (the Center for Outcomes Research & Education) to develop evaluation design for the 2022-27 waiver



An **independent team** based in Portland, Oregon within the Providence Health System.

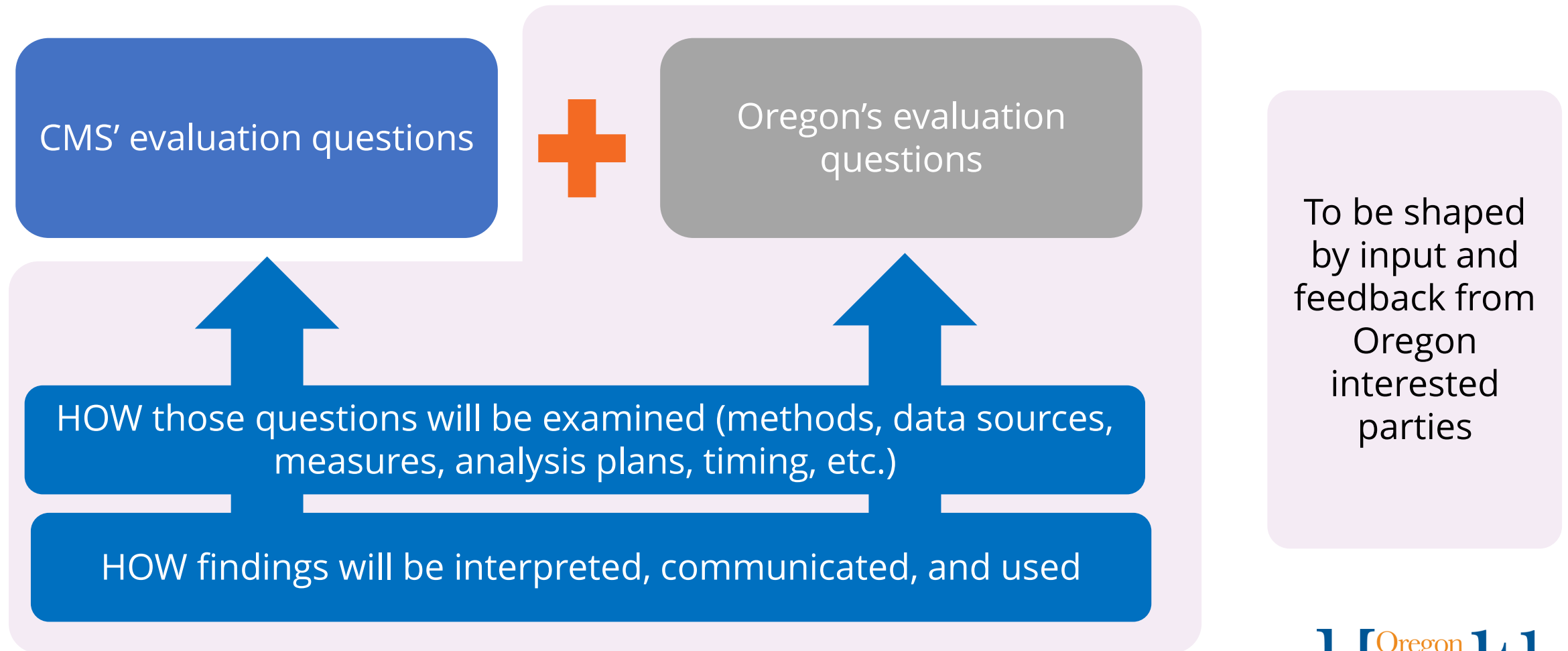


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Building Waiver Evaluation Design Plans



Climate Benefit Resources BEFORE Go Live



Where can members go to learn about current climate benefits?

- CCO OHP members can check with their [CCO](#) for climate supports through "flexible services."
- OHP members unsure of their CCO can contact the Client Services Unit (1-800-273-0557) or email OHP@odhsoha.oregon.gov.
- Open Card OHP members can reach out to their city or [county](#).

Additional information will be shared in the coming weeks on Oregon's 1115 Medicaid waiver [website](#), the [waiver newsletter](#), and through webinars in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Thank you!

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