

Oregon's 1115 Medicaid Waiver

Update

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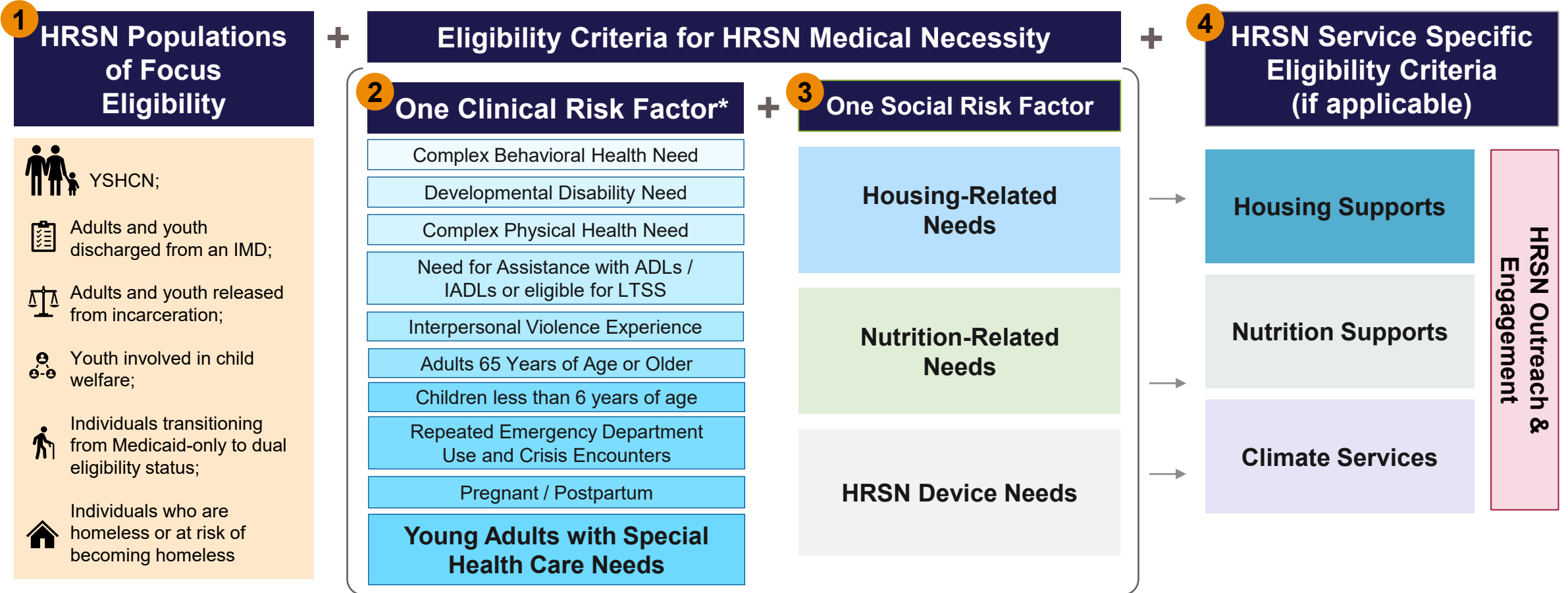
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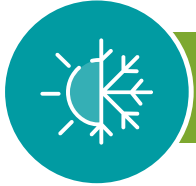
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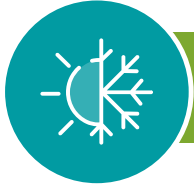
Climate Benefit Update



Climate Benefit is now live!

- Eligible OHP Members can now access Climate-Related Services through their CCO or Open Card Provider.
- Climate-Related Services include the following devices:
 - Air conditioners
 - Portable heaters
 - Air filtration devices
 - Portable power supplies
 - Mini refrigeration units for medication storage
- More than **25 Climate-Related Services engagements** to announce the new benefit have been completed with partners.

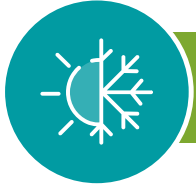
Climate Benefit Update – Activities



Climate Benefit is now live!

- **Outreach to more than 1,000 members** has already been completed for Open Card Members.
- In progress: recruitment and training for potential HRSN Service Providers.
- By 5/31, CCOs will submit a quarterly report that includes all HRSN climate devices authorized, which HRSN Covered Population individuals belong to, and their specific clinical risk factors.
- Received initial post-launch feedback: the benefit aligns well with preexisting processes developed around HRS flexible services for CCOs. Community, members and providers are excited by the new benefit.

Climate Benefit Update – Member Impact



Member Impact

During a final assessment call with the parent of a multiple Member household, a care coordinator learned that members had several health conditions that could be impacted by heat and smoke events—cardiac issues and asthma, and some of their medications require refrigeration. The Members were told they could receive an air conditioner, a mini fridge medication storage, and an air filtration device. Providing these devices means that the family can stay in the home during heat events rather than move to a neighbor’s house, can keep their medications close at hand, and are able to breathe fresh, clean air.

At the end of the call, the parent said this would drastically improve their quality of life in the home.

Housing Update





Housing Services

These services include:

- Housing tenancy sustaining services.
- Medically-necessary home accessibility modifications and remediations, such as safety improvements and pest control, and related hotel costs.
- Rent for up to six months, including arrears.
- Utility set up and costs for up to six months, including arrears.
- Storage fees.





Eligibility for HRSN Housing* on 11/1/24

OHA is pursuing a preventative approach to help people stay housed. To be eligible for HRSN Housing, a person must:

- Be currently housed, and
- Need support maintaining current housing and has or will have a lease or written agreement with the landlord, and
- Have an income that is 30% or less than the area median income where the individual resides, and lack sufficient resources or support networks to prevent homelessness, and
- Have a Clinical Risk Factor.

*For HRSN Housing Services, except home modifications/remediation services. See next slide.

*HUD's AMI data is located here: <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il/il24/IncomeLimits-30-FY24.pdf>



Eligibility for HRSN Home Modifications/ Remediations on 11/1/24

OHA is supporting people to stay in their home and address a health need. To be eligible for HRSN Home Modifications/Remediations, a person must meet one of the following situations:

- Released from incarceration in the past 12 months.
- Discharged from Institutions for Mental Disease in the past 12 months (IMDs are residential mental health facilities with 16 or more beds).
- Current or past involvement in the Oregon child welfare system.
- Changing from Medicaid-only to dual (Medicaid and Medicare) coverage, within the next three months or past nine months.
- Has an income that is 30% or less than the area median income where the individual resides, and lacks sufficient resources or support networks to prevent homelessness.



Examples of Eligible People:

- Member with a qualifying chronic disease is behind on rent due to job loss and requires rental assistance until they get a new job.
- Member experiences acute medical incident (e.g., hospitalization; broken leg) and requires rental assistance while unable to earn income.
- Family who has moved into friend's home (i.e., "is doubled up") and requires rental assistance to stay in that housing.
- Family at risk of eviction due to severe lack of upkeep of the home and requires chore services to maintain housing.
- Five-year-old with special health care needs requires rental assistance while parent takes time off from work to support child's needs.

General Waiver Update



CCBF Application & Funding Disbursement Timeline

Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
CCOs sign agreements with OHA for administration of CCBF												
CCOs outreach to CCBF-eligible providers					★							
Eligible providers fill out applications and budget requests			Open 3/1		Due 5/31							
CCOs review applications, submit to OHA, and provide funding notifications: Funding notifications to go out in 2 batches: by Aug 1 and by Sept 15								8/1: Funding notification 1	9/15: Funding notification 2			
CCOs disburse funding: approval process will be in 2 batches								8/31		10/16		
Providers can begin using CCBF									→			

★ Where we are today

Additional funding windows will open in 2025 →

Rulemaking Update

- Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) – June 14, 1-4pm
 - Review of rules regarding Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Waiver 1115 implementation:
 - Housing Services launch date - 11/1/2024.
 - Nutrition Services launch date - 1/1/2025.
 - Outreach and Engagement updates for both Housing and Nutrition launch dates.
- Additional rulemaking activities for YSHCN will be scheduled soon.

Rule(s)	Description of proposed changes
410-120-0000	Updates HRSN Services and related definitions.
410-120-2000	Updates HRSN Service Delivery to include housing, nutrition, and changes for climate and outreach and engagement services.
410-120-3835	Aligns and clarifies service authorization timeline for HRSN Services.
410-141-3510	Specifies HRSN-related details for provider contracting and credentialing, including housing and nutrition.

Learn more: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/hsd/pages/rac.aspx>

Young Adults with Special Health Care Needs Update



Expanding benefits for young adults

Starting **January 1, 2025**, the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) will offer benefits to young adults with qualifying health conditions under a new Medicaid eligibility category:

Young Adults with Special Health Care Needs (YSHCN).



Who are Young Adults with Special Health Care Needs (YSHCN)?

Young adults (19-26) with special health care needs (YSHCN) are those with, or at risk for, ongoing conditions:

- Physical, intellectual, or developmental disabilities
- Long-standing medical conditions
- Behavioral or mental health issues



Why expand benefits for YSHCN?

- In Oregon, **one in five children** under age 18 has a special health care need.
- YSHCN **need more health and health-related social services** than others of the same age.
- **The goal of the waiver is to provide young adults with significant healthcare needs additional time to navigate transitions from pediatric to adult coverage and care.**



Who qualifies as YSHCN in 2025?

In 2025, Young adults **19-20** (under 305% FPL) may qualify as YSHCN if they have one of the following health needs:

1

Have one or more **complex chronic conditions** as identified in the Pediatric Medical Complexity Algorithm (PMCA) – *captures physical conditions.*

2

Have a serious **emotional disturbance or serious mental health issue** indicated by qualifying behavioral health diagnosis.

3

Have had a diagnosed **intellectual or developmental disability** at age 16 or older through ODDS.

4

Have an “**elevated service need**” or functional limitations as determined by two or more affirmative responses to a screener.

YSHCN ELIGIBILITY SCREENING

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Have an “**elevated service need**” or functional limitations as determined by two or more affirmative responses to a screener.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- All individuals 17 – 20 applying for Medicaid through the ONE system will be prompted to answer screening questions that will determine their YSHCN eligibility.
- This tool may be used by young adults, or their caregivers, **including those who may not yet have a diagnosis.**

SCREENING SURVEY DEVELOPMENT

- OHA worked with OHSU’s Oregon Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Needs (OCCYSHN) to modify the validated Children with Special Health Care Needs Screener (CSHCN).
- An advisory workgroup reviewed and modified the screener. Cognitive pretesting on the modified screener and script was conducted across 6 languages.

Changes to benefits & eligibility 1/1/25

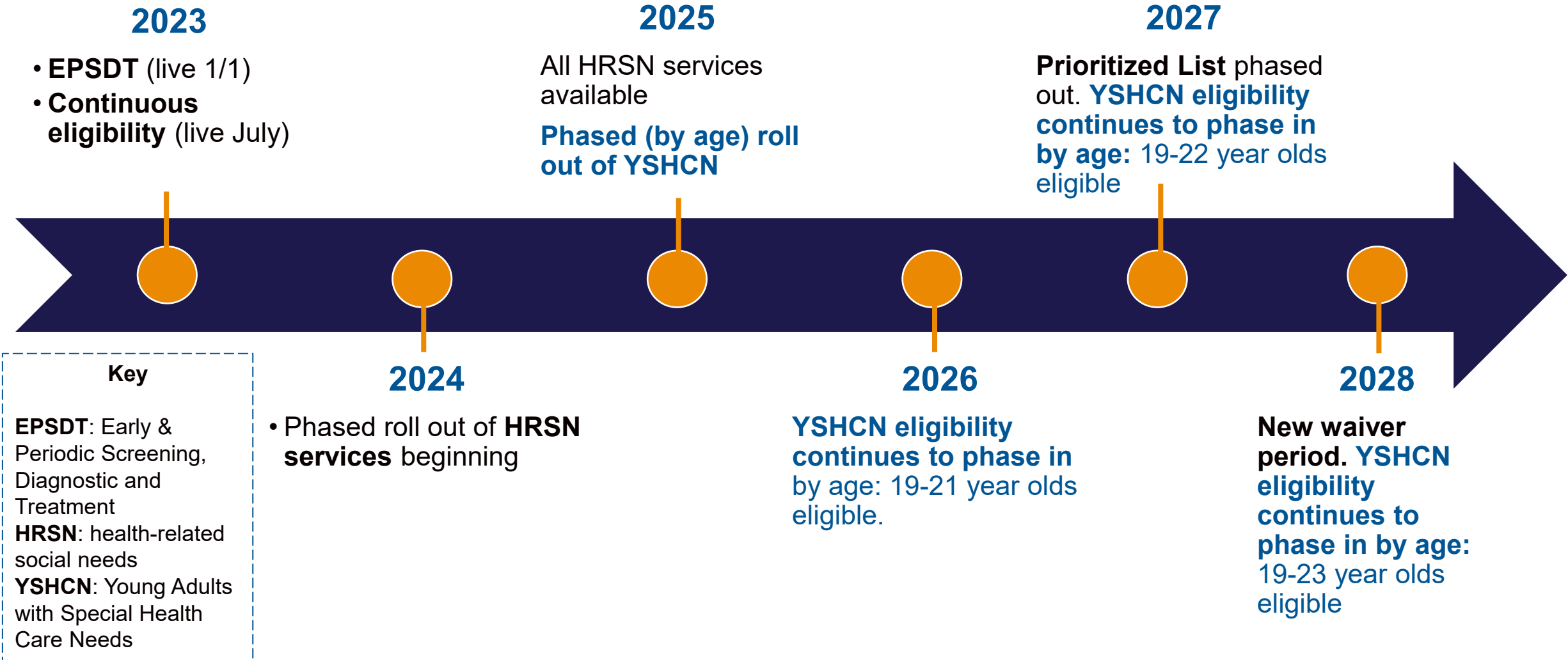
CURRENT ELIGIBILITY & COVERAGE (19 – 26)	YSHCN ELIGIBILITY & COVERAGE (19 – 26)
Up to 138% FPL (generally)	Up to 300% FPL (5% income disregard)
EPSDT* and enhanced vision & dental benefits end at 21	EPSDT* and enhanced vision & dental benefits end at 26
No existing HRSN benefits	HRSN offered and services covered

* Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic & Treatment (EPSDT): Federal benefit that covers all medically necessary and medically appropriate supports or procedures for children and youth.

2025 YSCHN Caseload Estimates

	19+20 year old YSHCN
Newly Eligible for OHP (because of YSHCN)	5,895
Current OHP members with expanded benefits	16,339
TOTAL	22,234

YSHCN implementation begins in 2025



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