



House Education Committee

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Agenda



Program Overview and Updates:



School Based Health Services (SBHS) Medicaid State Plan Amendments and Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs)



Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) State Grant Award for School Based Health Services in Oregon



Senate Bill 1557: Section 8 Legislative Report



School Medicaid Advisory Committee

School Based Health Services (School Medicaid)



Medicaid is a state and federal partnership focused on funding health and medical services for enrolled beneficiaries.



Medicaid reimburses education agencies for medically necessary and appropriate Medicaid-covered services provided to children and young adults (birth-21) provided pursuant to an Individual Plan of Care (IPOC).



The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently approved two SBHS State Plan Amendments (SPAs). OHA is taking a phased approach to implement the expansion of Medicaid covered services and provider types.

School Based Health Services (SBHS) Medicaid State Plan Amendments (SPAs)

- Oregon's State Plan Amendment (SPA) [19-0001 School-Based Health Services – Technical Revisions – Approved 5/18/2023](#) allows OHA to reimburse additional services beyond IDEA.
- Oregon's SPA [24-0005 Add Licensed School Psychologist, Licensed School Social Worker and Licensed School Counselor as Allowable Providers - Approved 3/8/2024](#) allows additional provider types licensed by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC), that are not otherwise licensed, to provide behavioral health services in school settings.

School Based Health Services (SBHS) Medicaid Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs)

- **May 2023 SPA:** OHA updated SBHS Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 410, Division 133 to allow billing for additional services and provider types provided pursuant to an Individual Plan of Care (IPOC).
 - September 6, 2024: OAR adoption
 - September-December 2024: Provide training on updated rules
- **February 2024 SPA:** OHA will update SBHS OARs to include TSPC-licensed School Psychologists, School Counselors, and School Social Workers.
 - Spring 2025: OAR adoption
 - Spring-Summer 2025: Provide training on updated rules

OAR Comparison

Previous OARs

Pursuant to IDEA:

- Evaluation and Assessment
- Assistive Technology
- Care Coordination
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Audiology
- Nurse Services
- Mental Health Services
- Telehealth
- Transportation

New OARs include previous coverage and add

- IEP/IFSP and any other Individualized Plan of Care (IPOC)
- Behavioral Health Supports
 - Behavioral Health Treatment
 - Dental Services
 - Diagnostic, Screening, Preventive, Developmental and Rehabilitative Services

CMS Grant: Statewide Implementation of Oregon School Based Health Services

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has awarded the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) with a \$2.5 million grant.
- Oregon's approved Federal Project Title: Statewide Implementation of Oregon School-Based Health Services including training, technical assistance, and billing guidance to increase enrollment, claiming, reimbursement, and access for students.
- Grant period is July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

CMS Grant: Statewide Implementation of Oregon School Based Health Services

With this grant funding OHA, in collaboration with ODE, plans to implement the following activities:

- Expand state capacity to provide technical assistance (TA) and address infrastructure needs.
- Develop and implement a training and TA plan that provides support to education agencies (EAs) to address barriers, challenges, and infrastructure needs to successfully participate in Oregon's SBHS program.
- Increase engagement with EAs and partners.
- Implement strategies to generate input, evaluate the SBHS program, guide program improvements, and facilitate increased community engagement.
- Expand access to billing infrastructure for a pilot group of EAs during years two and three of the grant period (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2027).

Senate Bill 1557: Section 8 Legislative Report

Section 8 of SB 1557 directed OHA and ODE to develop strategies and recommendations to leverage federal Medicaid or CHIP funds to support the inclusion, academic success, and well-being of all Oregon students under 21 years of age who are eligible for medical assistance and receiving school health services.

OHA and ODE must provide a report outlining the strategies and recommendations developed to the Legislative Assembly by October 1, 2024.

School Medicaid Advisory Committee

ODE and OHA have re-formed the School Medicaid Advisory Committee. The Committee is an informal advisory body with the goals of:

- Maximizing School Medicaid billing in Oregon
- Removing barriers to participation
- Developing and updating training and resources
- Increasing the number of participating school districts
- Continuous program improvement

The Committee has 19 members comprised of:

- School Health Practitioners
- Education Partner Groups (COSA, OAESD, OSNA, OEA, OSEA)
- Parents of Students with a Section 504 Plan, IEP, or IFSP
- School District Administrators
- EI/ECSE Program Staff/Administrators
- Education Service District (ESD) Administrators
- School Medicaid Program Experts
- Coordinate Care Organization (CCO)

School Medicaid Advisory Committee: Meetings

- The Committee has met twice (June and August 2024). ODE has created a [School Medicaid Advisory Committee](#) web page. The Charter, membership list, and meeting notes are posted there.
- The Committee has provided feedback on:
 - The School Medicaid Advisory Committee Charter
 - The SBHS Medicaid rule update
 - Barriers to billing
 - The findings and recommendations in Section 8 of the Legislative report for SB 1557
 - A proposed training and technical assistance plan
 - An updated SBHS Medicaid program manual

School Medicaid Advisory Committee: Looking Forward



- Looking forward the Committee will work on the following topics:
 - A SBHS Medicaid rule update to include billing for school psychologists, school social workers, and school counselors and the addition of personal care services
 - Components of the CMS grant, including a needs assessment and a pilot project opportunity
 - The potential of a new cost methodology
 - Training and technical assistance and resource update/development
 - Communication and marketing strategies
 - Topics brought up by the Committee



Thank you!