

Tina Kotek, Governor

September 26, 2024

Representative Courtney Neron, Chair  
House Interim Committee on Education  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

SUBJECT: Follow-up from Sept. 23, 2024 House Interim Committee on Education meeting

Dear Chair Neron:

Thank you for your continued interest in Medicaid school-based health services. Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is committed to working with our partners to build capacity and enhance access to school-based health services for Oregon students. Members of the committee asked for more information on the Center for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) grant recently awarded to OHA in this area. Below is a summary of key action items and activities planned for this three-year grant:

With this grant funding the OHA:

- Established an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with [WestEd](#)—a research and service agency with expertise in providing technical assistance to local education service districts (ESDs) and local education agencies (LEAs)—in accessing Medicaid reimbursement. WestEd will partner with OHA and Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to:
  - Enhance capacity to provide technical assistance to educational service districts and local educational agencies in Oregon.
  - Develop and implement a training and technical assistance plan that provides support to ESDs and LEAs to address barriers, challenges, and infrastructure needs.
  - Implement strategies to generate input, evaluate the program, guide program improvements, and facilitate increased community engagement.
- Plans to fund billing infrastructure for a pilot group of LEAs during years two and three of the grant period through an expanded IGA with Multnomah Education Service District (MESD) and their third-party billing system, ORMED.
- Plans to hire one limited-duration OHA School Based Health Services (SBHS) analyst to manage grant coordination and pilot infrastructure support.

OHA's goals for these grant activities will lead to the following impacts:

- Improved health and learning outcomes for Oregon's children and young adults;
- Reduced health-related barriers to learning; and
- Decreased health and education disparities for children and young adults.

Please feel free to reach out with additional needs or questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sejal Hathi".

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Director