

Tina Kotek, Governor

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Representative Rob Nosse, Chair
House Interim Committee on Behavioral Health and Healthcare
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

SUBJECT: Follow-up from Sept. 24, 2024 House Interim Committee on Behavioral Health and Healthcare meeting

Dear Chair Nosse:

Thank you for your continued support for Oregon's 2022-2027 1115 Medicaid demonstration waiver. The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is committed to working with our partners on implementation over the next four years. Below are responses to questions received during the committee meeting.

Carceral Reentry

Is there a mechanism for reimbursing carceral facilities when they need to provide transport for people to hospitals?

Reimbursement for transport to a hospital would not be part of the Medicaid pre-release benefit package. This is an existing obligation of the carceral facility. The pre-release benefit package is designed to ensure consistent access to those services that support the successful transition into the community after release but is not intended to take the place of all medical costs for inmates in custody.

Open Card to Coordinated Care Organization Transition

What is OHA doing to decrease the transition time to enroll someone in a CCO once they qualify for Oregon Health Plan (OHP)? Do we have any metrics?

As of January 2024, OHP began enrolling eligible members into CCOs more quickly. Previously, it has taken 5-11 days to enroll someone in a CCO once they qualify for OHP. At this time, OHP has been able to decrease enrollment averages to 3-5 days. Over the next 6-12 months, OHP plans to make

additional improvements Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS). OHP will test and monitor delivery times with these new changes, with a long-term target of 2-4 days.

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

Sincerely,



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