



Provider Newsletter

Yamhill Community Care (YCCO) would like to share the following important information and updates for Providers:

New Updates & Reminders!

What Providers Should Know About CMS-0057 (Interoperability & Prior Authorization Rule)

CMS-0057 is a new federal rule designed to make it easier and faster for providers and patients to share health information and complete prior authorization processes. It requires health plans (including Medicaid managed care plans) to implement modern data-sharing standards so providers can access claims and prior authorization data more efficiently.

Under this rule:

- Health plans must share prior authorization data via secure, standardized APIs, helping reduce phone, fax, and manual workflows.
- API requirements (like Patient Access and Provider Access APIs) begin testing and taking effect in 2026, with full implementation by January 1, 2027.
- The rule also includes new expectations for quicker prior authorization decision times and public reporting of key prior authorization metrics.

You can learn more on the **CMS-0057 fact sheet**: <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/cms-interoperability-and-prior-authorization-final-rule-cms-0057-f>

Oregon Health Plan now covers some forms of birth control without a prescription

Oregon Health Plan (OHP / Medicaid) members are now able to get Opill birth control pills and emergency contraception without a prescription and at no cost at covered pharmacies in the state. Oregon Health Authority (OHA), in collaboration with the Oregon Board of Pharmacy, made this

possible through a standing order, which allows pharmacists to provide these medications to OHP members and bill OHP.

In Oregon, these medications are already covered without a prescription for people with private insurance. Federal law, however, requires that all medications for Medicaid enrollees be prescribed by a licensed practitioner who is enrolled in the state's Medicaid program. Oregon's new standing order means that OHP members will no longer have to get a prescription to access these contraceptives at no cost.

How OHP members can get access:

- OHP members can go to their approved pharmacy and request emergency contraception or Opill, and for it to be covered by OHP.
- Most OHP members get their benefits through a local coordinated care organization (CCO); OHP members can call their CCO and ask which pharmacy to go to.
- OHP members not in a CCO (known as OHP Open Card), or who do not know which CCO they're in, can call OHP Client Services for help at 800-273-0557.
- OHP members will need to provide their OHP ID number, which is on their OHP ID card or CCO ID card, or by providing personal information that enables the pharmacy staff to search for and confirm enrollment in OHP.

Change to Prior Authorization (PA) Process; Provider-Initiated Requests Required

Effective Date: November 15, 2025

What's Changing:

Beginning November 15, 2025, our Utilization Management (UM) team will no longer create prior authorizations (PAs) from the PCC census. Providers are required to initiate all referral and PA requests.

This change aligns with OAR 410-130-0200(2), which states:

"Providers must obtain prior authorization from the OHP payer, either fee-for-service or the coordinated care organization, that shall be responsible for payment at the time the service is delivered."

It is further supported by OAR 410-141-3835, which requires managed care entities to maintain policies for processing authorization requests received from providers, and OAR 410-120-1280, which defines failure to obtain required authorization as a *provider error*.

Thank you for your partnership and commitment to maintaining compliance and high-quality care for our members.

Family Connects Oregon

Do you work with pregnant parents? If so, Family Connects Oregon is a great resource for them! Based in Public Health, this no-cost program

provides new parents with the opportunity to have a nurse visitor in their home one to three times in the first few months postpartum. Visits include health checks on mom and baby but also provide an opportunity for parents to ask questions about feeding, sleeping, or any other issue that may be concerning them. The nurse also supports older siblings through the transition and helps parents find necessary resources.

Studies have shown that families who engage with this program have 50% fewer emergency room visits, and the mothers are 30% less likely to experience postpartum depression.

If your patient delivers at Newberg Providence Hospital or Willamette Valley Medical Center, a Family Connects nurse will stop by their room before they are discharged to offer them this program. If after the initial one to three visits, the parent wants ongoing support, they will be connected with FamilyCore for additional services.

Questions? Contact Holly Churchill, Public Health Maternal Child Health Nurse and Home Visiting Team Lead, at churchillh@yamhillcounty.gov. You can also find more information about the program at familyconnectsoregon.org.

Behavioral Health Referrals for Children, ages 1-5.99

The first five years of life are critical for social-emotional development. As an early childhood provider, you are in a key position to notice concerns and support families. Behavioral health services can strengthen family relationships, help children express emotions, and prevent long-term challenges.

As the year is nearing closure, YCCO is hoping to any young member in this age group receives a timely and appropriate referral for Behavioral Health services that will address the parents' concerns as well as their primary care and/or early childhood provider.

[Here is a link to providers that accept and serve children and their parents/caregivers:](#)

Community Resources, Trainings and Events

FREE CEUs & Trainings

- [YCCO 2025 Free CEU's Trainings](#)
 - [Behavioral Health & Aging 101 Free On Demand Virtual Training Modules](#)
 - ECHO link <https://www.oregonechonetwork.org/programs>
 - [Trauma Informed Trainings](#)
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What You Want to Know Wednesdays
3.0 Series

Behavioral Health and Older Adult Focused Learning Lunches
All topics apply to the Oregon Geriatric Behavioral Health Core Competencies

- Each session takes place the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 11:45 am - 1:15 pm via zoom.
- Log on at 11:45 am to hear about the Oregon Older Adult Behavioral Health Initiative and the presenter introduction.
- Presentation runs from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm.
- Stay on the last 15 minutes for Q&A.

Free one-hour training series
All sessions include 1 Oregon NASW CEU

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Winter Speakers Include:

December 10
Dr. Meg Devoe
"Substance Use Disorders & Palliative Care"

January 14
Shoshanna Rainwater, LCSW
"Supporting Individuals with Dementia and those who care about them"

February 11
Erin Emery-Tiburcia, Ph.D., ABPP
"The Impact of Ageism on All of Us as We Age"




Medicaid Program Updates

Recent rule revisions

OARs 410-149-0100, 410-149-0110, 410-149-0120, 410-149-0130, 410-149-0140, 410-149-0150: Repeals the rules for the Comprehensive Primary Care Plus demonstration for Fee-For-Service OHP clients. No public comment was received

OARs 410-120-1160 and 410-120-1210: Extends the post-hospital extended care benefit from 20 to 100 days. No public comment was received.

OARs 410-120-1295, 410-125-0141, 410-125-0195: Rescinds 7/1/2025 wage index rule changes, restoring the rules to their prior state before that effective date. Reinstating out of state wage index for inpatient and outpatient hospital rate development. No public comment was received.

Division 122: Amended to update several Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) rules.

OAR 410-200-0455: Updated to allow eligible young adults aged 19-21 to enroll in the Oregon Health Plan under Young Adults with Special Health Care Needs enrollment (effective 1/1/2026)

OAR 410-200-0438: Adds a lower annual income limit to the OHP Bridge - Basic Health Program income standard, per federal regulations. No public comment was received.

OAR 410-170-0110: Updates Behavior Rehabilitation Service provider rates and dates in rule. No public comment was received.

Division 144 changes: Expands the purpose of supplemental payments to Behavioral Health Providers to include increased wages, benefits, and workplace safety and integrates the United We Heal Program. No public comment was received.

OHA Health Care Interpreter Registry

Bookmark this resource! OHA has a searchable database of Health Care Interpreters: <https://hciregistry.dhsoha.state.or.us/Search>

This database is updated monthly and will only include interpreters who are currently active with effective certification/qualification and want to be publicly searchable with their contact information.

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