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HEALTH SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION

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Since 2007, Oregon has been on a path toward health system transformation. To date, policy and legislative changes made in Oregon include the following:

- The Oregon Health Fund Board's November 2008 blueprint for reforming Oregon's health care system, "Aim High: Building a Healthy Oregon."
- House Bill 2009 (2009), which established the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB).
- The OHPB's comprehensive "Action Plan for Health" in December 2010.
- House Bill 3650 (2011), which directed the OHPB to create an implementation plan for health system transformation using Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) as a vehicle in Medicaid.
- The OHPB's CCO Implementation Proposal in January 2012.
- Senate Bill 99 (2011) and Senate Bill 1580 (2012), which authorized the creation of a state-based health insurance exchange and CCOs.

- The OHPB's December 2013 recommendations to the Governor for spreading the CCO model into new markets and keeping health care cost growth reasonable and predictable.

OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY

OHA is responsible for streamlining and aligning state health purchasers and programs to maximize efficiency, organize state health policy and health services and for implementing health reform policies and programs.

OHA's mission is to help people and communities achieve optimum physical, mental and social well-being through partnerships, prevention and access to quality affordable health

care.

OHA Divisions, Office and Programs are:

- Office of the Director (Communications, Equity and Inclusion and Office of Health Policy and Research);
- Fiscal and Operations Division;
- Health Systems Division (Addictions and Mental Health programs, Children's Wraparound Initiative and Oregon Health Plan (OHP));

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- Health Policy (Health Analytics, Health Policy and Research and Health Information Technology);
- Public Health Division (Office of the State Public Health Director, Center for Health Protection, Center for Prevention and Health Promotion and Center for Public Health Practice);
- Pharmacy Services (Prescription Drug Program, Prescription Drug Monitoring Program and CAREAssist – Ryan White AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP);
- Oregon Educators Benefit Board;
- Public Employees Benefit Board;
- Oregon State Hospital; and
- OHPB.

Beginning in 2014, OHA focused on the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA)* implementation, including implementing and managing OHP eligibility determinations in coordination with federal technology, internal improvement or transformation and supporting implementation of the coordinated care model in Medicaid.

OREGON HEALTH POLICY BOARD

The OHPB is the policy-making and oversight body for OHA. The nine-member board is responsible for providing access to quality, affordable health care for Oregonians and improving population health by developing state public health goals, strategies, programs and performance standards (see <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/OHPB/Pages/index.aspx> for more information)

FEDERAL HEALTH REFORM IN OREGON

In 2010, Congress passed the ACA, which is designed to expand coverage, control health care costs, improve the health care delivery system and make investments in public health. The federal legislation augments Oregon's health reform efforts. Some of the most significant ACA changes started in January 2014:

- Oregon elected to expand Medicaid coverage to low-income individuals up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level. More than 300,000 individuals enrolled between January and May 2014; and
- More than 80,000 Oregonians bought insurance and received federally funded tax credits and cost-sharing reductions through Oregon's health insurance exchange.

Additionally, the ACA contains a number of provisions and federal investments that support: delivery system reform (e.g., experimentation with new models of payment and care delivery); quality measurement and value-based purchasing; health care workforce development; and health promotion and community health planning.



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