

### Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace Advisory Committee Meeting October 16, 2025 9 a.m. – noon

In-person

Barbara Roberts Human Services Building 500 Summer Street NE, Conference Room 160 Salem, OR 97301 <u>Virtual</u>

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### AGENDA

Time	Agenda Item	Facilitators and Presenters
9:05 – 9:10 a.m.	Welcome, roll call, meeting guidelines, and approval of July minutes	Lindsey Hopper Committee Chair
9:15 – 9:20 a.m.	Welcome, TK Keen and Marin Arreola!	Lindsey Hopper Committee Chair
9:20 – 9:30 a.m.	OHP Bridge updates*	Sean McAnulty OHP Member Communications Coordinator
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	SBM Project updates* and introduction of GetInsured	Victor Garcia Marketplace Operations Advisor and Program Liaison  Dorocida Martushev Project Manager  GetInsured Team
10:00 – 10:05 a.m.	Public comment	Lindsey Hopper Committee Chair
10:05 – 10:30 a.m.	2026 health insurance rates*, 2026 plan offerings* and updates to the Window Shopping Tool	Tashia Sizemore Life and Health Product Regulation Manager Division of Financial Regulation Katie Button Marketplace Plan Management and Policy Analyst

<sup>\*</sup>As approved in the committee workplan on 10/17/2024.

10:30 – 10:40 a.m.	Break	
10:40 – 11:00 a.m.	Federal provisions and impacts	Katie Button Marketplace Plan Management and Policy Analyst  Amy Coven Marketplace Communication and Public Engagement Analyst
11:00 – 11:25 a.m.	2026 Open Enrollment marketing*	Amy Coven Marketplace Communication and Public Engagement Analyst
11:25 – 11:30 a.m.	Public comment	Lindsey Hopper Committee Chair
11:30 – 11:40 a.m.	2026 HIMAC Work Plan	Victor Garcia Marketplace Operations Advisor and Program Liaison
11:40 – 11:50 a.m.	Wrap up and closing	Lindsey Hopper Committee Chair

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### Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace

Tina Kotek, Governor



### Health Insurance Marketplace Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes DRAFT

When: July, April 17, 2025 – 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

**Committee members:** Gladys Boutwell, Stacy Carmichael, Charlie Fisher, Ron Gallinat, Paul Harmon, Lindsey Hopper (chair), Shannon Lee, Clare Pierce-Wrobel, Om Sukheenai, Nashoba Temperly (vice chair), Joann ZumBrunnen

Members not present: TK Keen, Kathleen Orrick

Other presenters: Dorocida Martushev, Sean McAnulty, Jesse O'Brien, Tashia Sizemore, Cassie Soucy

**Marketplace staff:** Anthony Behrens, senior policy advisor; Amy Coven, communications and public engagement analyst; Chiqui Flowers, director; Victor Garcia, operations advisor and program liaison; Dawn Shaw, office support coordinator

## Agenda item and time stamp\*

### **Discussion**

## Welcome, roll call, guidelines, approval of minutes

Roll call of Health Insurance Marketplace Advisory Committee (HIMAC) members, review of meeting guidelines, and approval of the June 20 & June 26 assessment rate meeting minutes. (See the handout packet pages 1-2 for a copy of the agenda, pages 3-4 for June 20 minutes, pages 5-6 for June 26 minutes, and page 7 for meeting protocols.)

- Approved June 20 and June 26, minutes.
  - First motion to approve Ron Gallinat
    - Second motion to approve Stacy Carmichael
    - Ayes Gladys Boutwell, Stacy Carmichael, Charlie Fisher, Ron Gallinat, Paul Harmon, Lindsey Hopper, Shannon Lee, Clare Pierce-Wrobel, Om Sukheenai, Nashoba Temperly, and Joann ZumBrunnen
    - Nays none
- Our new DCBS (Department of Consumer and Business Services) ex-officio TK Keen was unable to attend and we will be doing the official welcome during the October meeting.

## OHP Bridge updates

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Presenter: Sean McAnulty, OHP (Oregon Health Plan) Member Communications Coordinator, and Amy Coven, Marketplace Communications Coordinator (See pages 8-10 of the handout packet for a copy of the slide deck)

 Charlie wondered about the open enrollment coverage gap communication with members about paying the bill or if they paid the bill how to get reimbursed. Sean explained that we recently found out that about 1,500 people were affected and we are sending out notices. We can see the application dates and when they started OHP Bridge. For reimbursement the provider will need to send the bills into the CCO (Coordinated Care Organization) and any reimbursement will be handled through the provider.

- Stacy asked what the communication from the Federally Facilitated Marketplace (FFM) will look like when someone applies and when coverage starts. Sean replied that unfortunately, the communication is currently minimal with the federal platform, it states that the applicant is potentially eligible and the application has been sent to the state for review.
- The open enrollment coverage gap is going to exist going forward, it is not a one-time occurrence. OHA is trying to come up with a mitigation plan for next year. We expect when we have our state-based platform we will be able to make the communication clearer and more customized. When we receive information from the Marketplace the OHP notice has been updated to have the member go back and update the Marketplace about the approval.
- Lindsey asked if Minnesota and New York, who also implemented Basic Health Programs, experienced this issue and what their solution has been. Sean will check to see if that has been looked in to.
- About 1,000 to 1,100 are affected by the Annual Income Lower Limit policy correction.
- Joann asked for clarification on applying for OHP and if it goes through the Marketplace. Sean clarified that OHP eligibility is determined through a separate system. Primary notifications will be coming from the ONE (OHP) eligibility system, the Marketplace will be doing some additional direct outreach to help.
- Joann also asked if providers are being notified that there could be an issue with coverage changes from August 1 to the end of September. Sean indicated that there isn't a lot of direct to community provider communications channels so limited communications going out.
- Lindsey inquired how this issue was identified. Sean informed that the system was built incorrectly and was unsure how the problem was identified. Will follow up and report back in a future meeting.
- Om asked to confirm that the time frame for redetermining eligibility and member notification was July 15 to July 31, 2025, and if there would be a grace period. Sean confirmed the notices went out July 16 with an OHP closure date of July 31. Unfortunately, there is not going to be a grace period in order for the program to remain in compliance and protect the trust fund. Om also asked about the accuracy of the income information. Sean informed that it is up to members to ensure that their income is updated. Anyone whose income was updated prior to July 15 will be assessed using the updated income.
- Nashoba added from the community partner side that they had received the list of
  affected members. It is integral that they indicate that they have a Medicaid denial
  in the Marketplace application so that they are not stuck in a loop. He advocated
  for a reminder in Marketplace partner communications. Amy agreed to include in
  upcoming partner updates.
- Charlie asked how many people were affected. Sean indicated that approximately 1,015 are losing coverage and another 100 needed to submit information so the system could fully process them. The 100 will be getting a request for information to confirm if they are affected.
- Stacy asked about what steps were being taken to ensure this doesn't happen again and recommended this would be a good topic for a follow up.
- Joann queried if we had a county breakdown of the 1,500. Sean informed that we
  do not have that data vet.
- Lindsey wanted to make sure she understood reconciliation process of third-party insurance was going to be an ongoing manual process. Sean confirmed that she understood correctly. The reconciliation backlog goes back to July 2024 and will investigate how they plan to flag these in a timelier manner in the future.

## SBM project updates 54:39

Presenters: Victor Garcia, Marketplace Operations Advisor & Program Liaison and Dorocida Martushev, SBM (State-based Marketplace) Project Manager. (See pages 11-12 of the handout packet for a copy of the slides.)

- Zach Austin from Regence and Bridgespan plans asked if there is a date for carriers to engage with GetInsured. Victor responded that it depends on when the contract is executed, and the carrier kick off meetings are scheduled after. Hopefully the later part of Q3, around September.
- Zach from Regence also wanted to make sure that the carrier dates on testing are communicated to the carriers as soon as possible.

## Public comment 1:18:17

Om made a comment on behalf of a consumer, hoping that the OHP Bridge start date communication can be an easy communication. I don't know how the consumer will reach out, by phone, text, or email. She had a walk in client that tried to contact OHP but no one answered at the 800 number or the ODHS (Department of Human Services) in the county. She hopes that there will be a lot easier process for the cleanup and clarification of communications with instructions to go back to the doctor to rebill. Amy is doing the best to communicate with affected members on the Annual Income Lower Limit issue that people going to lose the OHP Bridge by the end of the month and how to get other coverage, pending receipt of member contact information.

# 2025 CMS Marketplace Integrity & Affordability Final Rule overview 1:20:27

Presenter: Anthony Behrens, Marketplace Senior Policy Advisor. (See pages 12-13 of the handout packet for a copy of the slide deck)

- Gladys questioned the allowance of coverage denials. For example, someone
  owed a premium for November 2025, they wouldn't be able to enroll for January
  2026 and the carrier could back date termination to October 31. How would that
  show up on a third party platform like HealthSherpa? Anthony responded that the
  carriers could handle the situation in the example but does not have any clear
  implementation guidance at this time. We will be sending out information to
  interested parties as soon as we get it.
- Gladys had a follow-up question about how will brokers be advised on DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) recipients if they didn't specifically code them, so we can reach out to them. Chiqui acknowledges the frustrations and has raised the concerns about operationalizing the new federal guidelines and recommends keeping an eye out for bulletins from CCIIO (Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight).
- Paul has seen an estimate of 5 to 10 million fewer Marketplace consumers nationwide due to the Program Integrity Rule and wonders if we have an estimate of how many of those will be Oregonians. Chiqui replied that we do not have that specific data at this time.
- Joann also was curious about the impact to Oregonians because of the Program Integrity Rule. Tashia from DFR (Division of Financial Regulation) stepped in and informed that as part of the rate review process carriers were asked about DACA enrollees and carriers advised there will be a small impact to the individual market. There will be a lot of monitoring to see what the final impact will be and there are quarterly enrollment reports.

### Network Adequacy overview and updates

Presenter: Jesse O'Brien, DFR Policy Manager. (See pages 13-14 of the handout packet for a copy of the slide deck)

No additional questions were asked.

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# 2025 Rate Filings overview and updates; Provider Contracting overview 2:02:18

Presenters: Tashia Sizemore DFR Life & Health Insurance Product Regulation & Compliance Manager and Cassie Soucy, DFR Property & Casualty Insurance Production Regulation & Compliance Manager

- Due to the Program Integrity Rule, confusion, and uncertainty in the market we allowed for extra time to collect information from insurers this year especially on DACA and gender affirming care.
- We do not have final rate decisions currently but are reporting generally. Rate requests we are seeing are individual market increases 3.9% to 12.9%, small group increases 5.1% to 21.5%
- The cost of utilizing healthcare and the unit cost of obtaining care is going up. Unit
  costs are going up due to medical inflation, provider contractor changes, and
  intensity of medical care. Care modalities like more ambulatory care, mental
  health care, preventative services, and prescriptions. Higher utilization and lower
  costs.
- Working on getting the final rates posted on the website by the end of the day and will discuss them at the next public meeting for the insurers to either request additional consideration or accept the final decision is scheduled for Monday. At this point we do not think we will be opening a public comment period for the second rate meeting. You can engage by joining the meeting or watching the recording. Any concerns can be addressed by contacting the consumer advocacy unit or filing a request for consideration.
- PacificSource filed to move their individual market plans from a PPO (preferred provider organization) type to an EPO (exclusive provider organization) network type. Overall, this is a supported decision. This change will be narrowing their networks.
- Several insurers announced changes to their formulary for a popular biologic for 2026 or that have already been implemented mid-year. A biosimilar for a popular autoimmune disease drug has been released - this may cause some consumer abrasion as they shop for plans so I wanted to make sure agents and producers were aware of this change.
- DFR has a product compliance team that investigates network adequacy issues, pharmacy benefit manager, and provider complaints even though their jurisdiction is limited.

### SBM branding initiative

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Presenter: Amy Coven, Marketplace Communications & Public Engagement Analyst. (See pages 16-19 of the handout packet for a copy of the slide deck)

- No additional comments.
- Will be sending out an email for additional feedback due to Amy (amy.coven@oha.oregon.gov) by the end of the month.

## Public comment, wrap up & closing 2:38:24

- No public comment
- Next meeting is October 16, 2025, and will discuss baseline workplan for 2026.

<sup>\*</sup>These minutes include timestamps from the meeting recording in an hour: minutes: seconds format. Meeting materials and recording are found on the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace Advisory Committee website under 2025 Meetings, July 17.







#### **Meeting Protocols and Requests**

- The Marketplace and the Health Insurance Marketplace Advisory Committee (HIMAC) is committed to safe and inclusive meetings for all attendees.
- We have differences in opinions and different experiences. There are no bad questions or stilly ideas. We will seek the perspectives of all by inviting each person to speak.
- If you have a question or would like to comment, please raise your virtual hand or put it in the chat.
- We have real-time Spanish interpretation. Please help by speaking at a moderate pace.
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- · Votes will be logged into the meeting minutes.

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### What's OHP Bridge?

- OHP Bridge is a new benefit for adults with higher incomes.
   People who get OHP Bridge must:
  - Have annual income from 133 to 200 percent of the federal poverty level,
  - · Be 19 to 64 years old,
  - · Not have access to other affordable health insurance, and
  - Have an eligible citizenship or immigration status to qualify.
- OHP Bridge benefits are the same as OHP Plus, except for access to Health-Related Social Needs and Long Term Services and Supports.
- OHP Bridge is free coverage with no member costs like copays or deductibles.

#### **OHP Bridge and Immigration Status**

- OHP Bridge follows the same citizenship or eligible immigration status rules as the Marketplace.
- On November 1, 2024, federal rules changed, making people with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status eligible for Marketplace and OHP Bridge.
- This federal change has been reversed, and people with DACA status are no longer OHP Bridge or Marketplace.
- Benefits ended on 9/30 for about 50 OHP Bridge members with DACA status.

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### **OHP Bridge Start Date Adjustments**

- When moving from the marketplace during open enrollment in 2025, in some cases a member may have experienced a gap in coverage while waiting for OHP Bridge to start.
- Members will be able to request adjustment to start dates to address coverage gaps when transferring from the marketplace during open enrollment.
- Result of combination of factors, including 2025 guidance that marketplace coverage may end Jan 1, the 45-day application review period, and OHP Bridge's start date rules without retroactive open card coverage
- Around 1,500 members will have the option to request start date adjustment, though we expect less than that to use this option

When will coverage start for OHP Bridge — Basic Health Program?

Found eligible on or before the 15th of the month? Coverage starts on the first of the next month.

Found eligible on or after the 16th of the month? Coverage starts on the first day of the month following the pext month.

The timeline below shows an example of coverage dates for an individual who would be determined eligible in the month of October. Actual coverage dates will vary based on time for individual who would be determined eligible in the month of October. Actual coverage dates will vary based on time for individual is used to be a supplied on the following the pext month.

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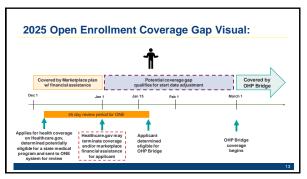
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**OHP Bridge start date adjustments** 

- Notices sent in early/mid October to ~1,500 OHP Bridge members who are potentially eligible for a start date adjustment.
- · Eligible members:

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- · Had marketplace coverage in 2024
- · Had a gap in coverage
- · Started OHP Bridge on February, March, or April 1
- Notice asks for member to leave a voicemail by November 30 to proceed with start date adjustment

### 2025 Start date adjustment process

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- Member needs to contact 833-210-4561 and leave a voicemail providing the name and date of birth for each OHP Bridge member needing start date adjustment, and their best contact number.
- · Eligibility staff will then move the OHP start date.
- Client Enrollment Services will then communicate the adjusted start date to the CCO.
- Once these steps are complete, Client Services Unit will contact the member to assist with rebilling services

Open Enrollment 2026

- Start date adjustment process will not be available for this upcoming open enrollment.
- Corrected federal guidance allows people to stay enrolled in a marketplace plan, and auto-enroll into the next plan year preventing a coverage gap for most people.
- Messaging to instead take steps to stay covered through a marketplace plan until OHP Bridge begins.
- Once a OHP Bridge start date is received, report that to the marketplace to line up the marketplace end date.

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State-based Marketplace (SBM) Topics

Overall Project Timeline

Key Project Accomplishments

Implementation Timeline

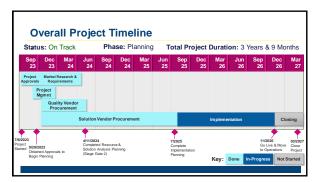
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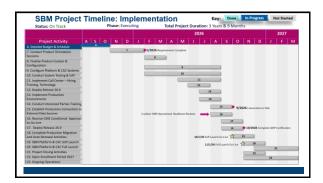
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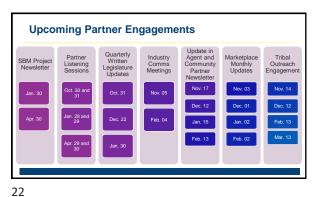
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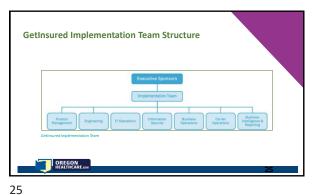


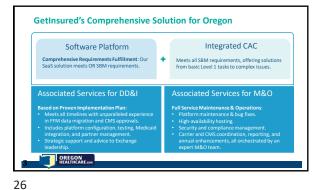




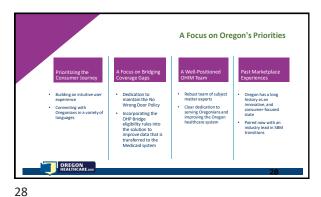


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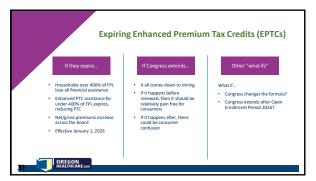


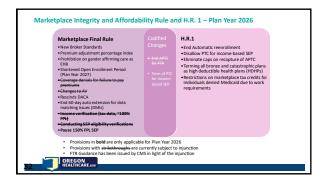












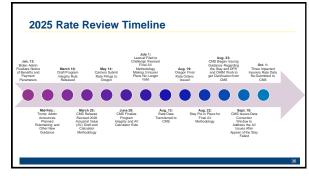
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### Plan Changes for 2026

- PacificSource network will change from PPO to EPO
  - o All 2025 plan IDs discontinued
- 2025 enrollees will be eligible for loss of coverage Special Enrollment Period (SEP)
- o 2025 enrollees will be crosswalked to 2026 PacificSource plans
- PacificSource and Regence have added some new bronze plans
- All bronze plans are now HSA-eligible
  - o Current pre-deductible coverage is still available
  - o Traditional HDHPs are also still available

Window Shopping Tool: OregonHealthCare.gov/WindowShop

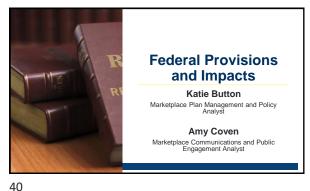
- Slightly updated look and feel to meet revised accessibility standards
- · Continues to provide enhanced functionality
- Quality ratings

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- o Formulary search with cost-sharing on covered prescriptions
- o More reliable provider and hospital searches
- o Gender affirming care section
- o Flag for \$5 office visits
- o Information on more covered benefits, such as maternity care and imaging

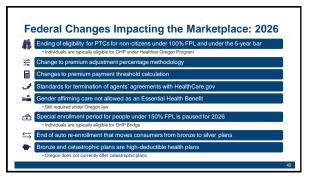
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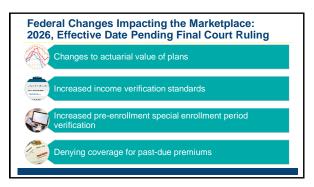


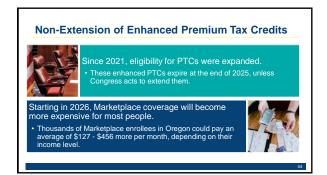
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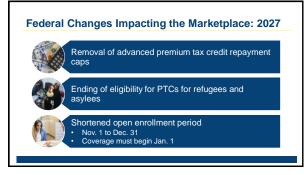




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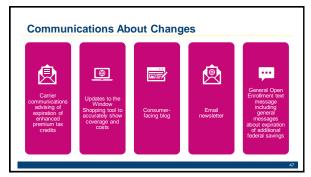








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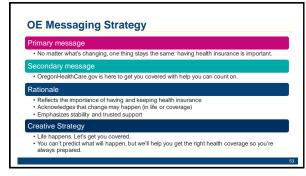






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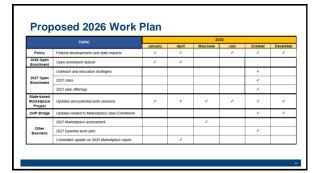






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### 2026 HIMAC Meeting Schedule

- January 15
- April 16 (in person)
- Spring TBA 2027 Marketplace Assessment Rate
- July 16
- October 15
- December 3

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