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###### Standard Provisions for Individual Health Benefit Plan

###### Form Filings

This product standard checklist must be submitted with your filing, in compliance with OAR 836-010-0011(2).

The standards are summaries; review of the underlying regulatory guidance, including new state and federal regulation will be necessary. Complete each item to confirm that diligent consideration has been given to each and is certified by the signature on the certificate of compliance form.

“Not applicable” can be used only if the item does not apply to the coverage being filed. Not including required information or policy provisions will result in delays.

**Insurer name**:       **Requested effective** **date:**

**Type of carrier**  Health insurer  Health Care Service Contractor

**\*** *Indicates Oregon standard does not apply to Health Care Service Contractors per ORS 750.055, but may be subject to federal standard.*

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| **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS (FOR ALL FILINGS)** | | | |
| Category | Reference | Description of review standards requirements | Answer |
| **Submission package requirements** | **SERFF or Division of**  **Financial Regulation website:** <http://dfr.oregon.gov/rates-forms/health/Pages/health.aspx>  OAR 836-010-0011 | **The following must be submitted for your filing to be accepted as complete:**   1. Filing description or cover letter. 2. Third party filer’s letter of authorization. 3. Certificate of Compliance form signed and dated by authorized persons. 4. Readability certification. 5. Product standards for forms (this document). 6. Forms filed for approval. (If filing revised forms, include a ***highlighted*** copy of the revised form to identify the modification, revision, or replacement language.)   7. Statement of Variability (see “Variability in forms” section). | Yes N/A |
| **Filing description or cover letter** | ORS 731.296,  OAR 836-010-0011(4) | **The filing description or cover letter includes the following:**   1. Changes made to previously-approved forms or variations from other approved forms. 2. Summary of the differences between previously approved similar forms and the new form. 3. The differences between in-network and out-of-network.   4. The contact information of two people from your company that can discuss the filing.  **Note:** If filing through SERFF, DFR recommends that the cover letter be included in a separate document under the Supporting Documentation tab rather than in the General Information tab. If the filing description under the General Information tab is used, post submission changes to this language are not allowed. | Yes N/A |
| **Purpose of filing** | ORS 742.003(1),  OAR 836-010-0011(3) | **The following are submitted in this filing for review:**  1. New policy.  2. Changes to a previously-approved form includes highlighted/redline version.  3. Endorsements and/or amendments  4. Riders for non-standard plans only:  a) If submitting separate riders forms under the Forms Schedule Tab the rider provision must be embedded into both the policy & certificate using variability; or  b) Include two policies and certificates (one with the rider(s) and one without rider(s)). | Yes N/A |

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| **Clear policy language** | ORS 742.005(2),  ORS 743.103,  ORS 743.104(2),  ORS 743.106(1)(a-d),  ORS 743.405(5) | | 1. The information is clear and understandable to the consumer and is not ambiguous, abstruse, unintelligible, uncertain, or likely to mislead.  2. The style, arrangement, and overall appearance of the policy may not give undue prominence to any portion of the text.  3. The policy contains a table of contents or an index of the principal sections of the policy, if the policy has more than 3,000 words.  4. The font shall be uniform and not less than 12-point type | Confirmed |
| **Cover page** | ORS 742.023,  ORS 743.405,  ORS 743.492,  OAR 836-010-0011 | | 1. The full corporate name of the insuring company appears prominently on the first page of the policy.  2. A marketing name or insurer logo, if used on the policy, does not mislead as to the identity of the insuring company.  3. The insuring company’s address, consisting of at least a city and state, appears on the first page of the policy.  4. The signatures of at least one company officer appear on the first page of the policy.  5. The policy includes a right-to-examine provision that appears on the cover page.  6. The policy contains a brief caption that appears prominently on the cover page and describes the type of coverage. | Yes N/A |
| **Form numbers** | ORS 743.405(7),  OAR 836-010-0011 | | Each form constituting the policy, including riders and endorsements, must be identified by a form number in the lower left-hand corner on each page of the form. | Confirmed |
| **Written information to enrollees** | ORS 743B.250,  OAR 836-053-1010,  OAR 836-053-1030,  OAR 836-053-1033,  OAR 836-053-1035,  45 CFR 147.200 | | An insurer must provide a written summary of the policy required by ORS 743B.250 to each enrollee, as part of the written general information that is furnished as required by ORS 743B.250 and OAR 836-053-1030, relating to services, access thereto and related charges and scheduling.  All notices and communications required to be provided by an insurer to enrollees under ORS 743B.250 and 743B.252 must be provided in a manner that is culturally and linguistically appropriate.. | Confirmed |
| **Variability in forms**  **Variability in forms**  **(continued)** | ORS 742.003,  ORS 742.005(2)  ORS 742.003,  ORS 742.005(2) | | Variable material in forms will only be permitted if it is clearly identified by brackets along with a complete explanation of when each would be used.   1. Variable text includes all optional text, changes in language, and choices in terms or provisions. 2. Variable numbers are limited to discreet values within a defined range from minimum to maximum benefit amounts.   3. Variability may be described either through embedded Drafter’s Notes or within a separate Statement of Variability (SOV) included as a form; due to ease of review, DFR prefers embedded drafters’ notes.  **Note:** Variability guideline instructions are found at:  [http://dfr.oregon.gov/rates-forms/Documents/health-variability-guidelines.pdf](http://dfr.oregon.gov/rates-forms/Documents/health-variability-guidelines.pdf%20) | Yes N/A |
| **APPLICABILITY** | | | | |
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| **Applications** | | Form 440-2442H  45 CFR §146.121,  45 CFR §147.110 | If an application is submitted in the filing, also complete and submit *Standards for Health Applications* ([Form 440-2442H](http://dfr.oregon.gov/rates-forms/health/Pages/health-applications.aspx)). | Yes N/A |
| **Assumption certificates** | | Form 440-3637 | File under *Changes to Business Operations that Require a Filing* ([Form 440-3637](http://dfr.oregon.gov/rates-forms/Pages/chgtobusiness.aspx)). |  |
| **Modification and discontinuation** | | Form 440-2896  OAR 836-053-0002,  45 CFR 147.106,  45 CFR 148.122 | Submit transmittal and requirements for *Modification and Discontinuance of Health Benefit Plans* ([Form 440-2896](http://dfr.oregon.gov/rates-forms/health/Pages/mod-dis-hbp.aspx)) when making a uniform modification or discontinuing a plan.  **Note:** modifications and discontinuances can be submitted either in this form filing or as a separate filing. Within the filing, please identify which of the following notices will be used: State or Federal*.* | Yes N/A |
| **Pediatric dental embedded in the medical form** | | Form 440-4978 | If pediatric dental is embedded in the individual medical policy, please also submit *Standard Provisions for Exchange Certified Pediatric Dental (ACA compliant) Forms* ([Form 440-4978](http://dfr.oregon.gov/rates-forms/health/Pages/health.aspx)).  **Note**: Carriers are only required to complete the sections on covered and non-covered services and the section ‘the Standard Provisions for Exchange Certified Pediatric Dental’. | Yes N/A |
| **Third Party Payments** | | ORS 743B.001,  ORS 750.055,  45 CFR 156.1250  SB 560(2021)  HB 4113(2024) | Carriers must accept payments from third parties as described in state and federal law. | Yes N/A |

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| **Benefit Reimbursement** | | | |
| **Additions to Essential Health Benefits** | ORS 731.097,  OAR 836-053-0017 | In addition to any other benefits required under state or federal law, a health benefit plan required to provide essential health benefits within the meaning of ORS 731.097 must, at a minimum, provide coverage for the following items and services:   * Coverage for up to 20 spinal manipulation visits per year * Coverage for up to 12 acupuncture visits per year * Removal of barriers to prescribing Buprenorphine for medication-assisted treatment of opioid use disorder; and * Coverage of at least one intranasal spray opioid reversal agent for opioid prescriptions of 50 MME or higher. | Page:  Paragraph or Section:    N/A |
| **Behavioral and physical health services provided same day or same facility.** | ORS 743A.169 | Behavioral and physical health services provided in the same facility or on the same day are subject to the coverage requirements listed in ORS 743A.169 | Page:  Paragraph or Section:    N/A |
| **Behavioral health** | ORS 743A.168,  ORS 743A.190,  ORS 743A.160,  ORS 743B.427,  OAR 836-053-1403 to OAR 836-053-1408  HB 3046(2021)    Bulletin 2014-1,  Bulletin 2014-2,  29 CFR §2590.712,  45 CFR §146.136,  45 CFR §147.160 | All plans provide coverage for expenses arising from the diagnosis of behavioral health conditions and medically necessary behavioral health treatment at the same level as, and subject to limitations no more restrictive than, those imposed on coverage or reimbursement of expenses arising from treatment for other medical conditions.   * A Behavioral Health Condition means any mental or substance use disorder covered by diagnostic categories listed in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition, Text Revision (DSM-5-TR), the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10), or the International Classification of Diseases, 11th Revision (ICD-11) * All definitions and policy language and coverage requirements must align with updated language found in HB 3046 (2021) and related rulemaking. * If the plan provides out-of-network coverage for other benefits, it must also provide out-of-network coverage for this benefit. * Provides coverage for court-ordered screening interviews or treatment programs when a person is convicted of driving under the influence of intoxicants (DUII). * Treatment limits must comply with the “substantially all” and “predominately equal to” tests. * Quantitative limits applied only to mental health and chemical dependency are not allowed. The final federal rules – issued Nov 13, 2013 Vol. 78, No. 219 (<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-11-13/pdf/2013-27086.pdf>) * Plans may not impose more stringent utilization review requirements (e.g., preauthorization) for mental health or substance use disorder benefits than imposed on medical/surgical benefits. * The policy and certificate must contain a statement of compliance that indicates the policy is compliant with state and federal mental health parity. * Nonquantitative treatment limitations must comply with new requirements described in ORS 743B.427. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Bilateral cochlear implants** | ORS 743A.140,  HB 4104(2018)  HB 2994(2023)  Bulletin 2018-8 | Must reimburse the cost of bilateral cochlear implants, including the cost of repair and replacement parts, if medically appropriate for the treatment of hearing loss. The coverage required is not subject to the deductible except as allowed in ORS 742.008. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Breast Examinations and Mammograms** | ORS 743A.067,  ORS 743A.100,  ORS 743A.101,  SB 1041(2023)  42 USC § 300gg-13,  45 CFR §147.130,  HRSA Guidelines | Except as provided in ORS 742.008, a carrier offering a group health benefit plan or an individual health benefit plan in this state that reimburses the cost of supplemental or diagnostic breast examinations may not impose on the coverage of a medically necessary supplemental or diagnostic breast examination: (a) A deductible; (b) Coinsurance; (c) A copayment; or (d) Other out-of-pocket expenses.  Coverage provides for mammograms for the purpose of diagnosis in symptomatic or high-risk women at any time upon referral of the woman’s health care provider and an annual mammogram for the purpose of early detection for a woman 40 years of age or older, with or without referral from the woman’s health care provider.  Note: Preventive mammograms covered without coinsurance are required for members aged 40 and older. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Child abuse assessments** | ORS 743A.252 | A health benefit plan shall provide payment to or reimburse a children’s advocacy center for the services provided by the center in conducting a child abuse assessment of a child enrolled in the plan, and that are related to the child abuse assessment including a forensic interview and mental health treatment. | Page:  Paragraph or Section:    N/A |
| **Clinical trials** | ORS 743A.192  PHSA 2709,  42 USC 300gg-8 | The policy must comply with both Oregon and federal clinical trial mandates. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Colorectal cancer screenings and laboratory tests** | ORS 743A.124  USPSTF A and B List  42 U.S.C. 300gg-13  CMS FAQ 51 | Provide coverage for all colorectal cancer screening examinations and laboratory tests assigned either a grade of A or a grade of B by the United States Preventive Services Task Force.  For members aged 45 and older, an insurer may not impose cost sharing on the colorectal cancer screening, examinations and lab tests and must cover, at a minimum:   * Fecal occult blood tests (**note**: colonoscopies following a positive fecal test assigned a grade of A or B by the USPSTF must still be provided without cost sharing) * Colonoscopies, including the removal of polyps during a screening procedure; or * Double contrast barium enemas.   If an insured is at high risk for colorectal cancer, the required coverage shall include colorectal cancer screening examinations and laboratory tests as recommended by the treating physician.  **Please see CMS FAQ 51 for further clarification regarding expanded coverage expectations for preventive colonoscopies including:**  • Required specialist consultation prior to the screening procedure;  • Bowel preparation medications prescribed for the screening procedure;  • Anesthesia services performed in connection with a preventive colonoscopy;  • Polyp removal performed during the screening procedure;  • Any pathology exam on a polyp biopsy performed as part of the screening procedure; and  • Abnormal findings identified by flexible sigmoidoscopy or CT colonography screening require follow-up colonoscopy for screening benefits to be achieved. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Contraception prescribed by pharmacists** | ORS 743A.066,  ORS 689.005,  ORS 689.683  HB 2879(2015)  HB 2527(2017) | Contraceptive benefit allows a pharmacist to prescribe and dispense hormonal contraceptive patches and self-administered oral hormonal contraceptives within limits described in HB 2879 and HB 2527.  Contraceptive benefit allows a pharmacist to:   * Prescribe and dispense hormonal contraceptive patches and self-administered oral hormonal contraceptives within limits described in HB 2879. * Prescribe and administer injectable hormonal contraceptives within the limits prescribed in HB 2527. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Confidential Communication Request** | ORS 743B.005,  ORS 743B.250,  ORS 743B.555,  OAR 836-053-0610 | Confidential communication request means a request from an enrollee to a carrier or third party administrator that communications be sent directly to the enrollee and that the carrier or third party administrator refrain from sending communications concerning the enrollee to the policyholder or certificate holder  Confidential communication request must be made available to members. | Confirmed |
| **Craniofacial anomaly treatment** | ORS 743A.150 | A policy shall provide coverage for dental and orthodontic services for the treatment of craniofacial anomalies if the services are medically necessary to restore function. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Diabetes**  **Management for pregnant women** | ORS 743A.067,  ORS 743A.082 | A policy may not require a copayment or impose a coinsurance requirement or a deductible on the covered health services, medications, and supplies that a medically necessary for a woman to manage her diabetes, beginning with conception and ending six weeks postpartum.  Note: This does not apply to high deductible health plans described in 26 U.S. Code 223 | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Emergency eye care services** | ORS 743A.250 | Provides coverage of emergency eye care services. without first receiving a referral or prior authorization from a primary care provider | Confirmed |
| **Emergency services** | ORS 743A.012  SB 3(2021)  45 CFR §147.138 | Health benefit plans shall provide coverage without prior authorization for emergency services as specified in the listed state and federal laws. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Emergency services - Information to enrollees** | ORS 743A.012,  ORS 743B.250(1)(j),  OAR 836-053-1030(4) | Health benefit plans shall provide information to enrollees in plain language and as specified in ORS 743A.012 regarding:   1. What constitutes an emergency medical condition; 2. The coverage provided for emergency services; 3. How and where to obtain emergency services; and 4. The appropriate use of 9-1-1.   An insurer may not discourage appropriate use of 9-1-1 and may not deny coverage for emergency services solely because 9-1-1 was used.  Procedures for accessing after-hours care and emergency services as required by ORS 743A.012. | Page:  Paragraph or Section:    N/A |
| **Gender Affirming Treatment** | ORS 742.005(4),  ORS 743A.325,  OAR 836-053-0441  HB 2002(2023)  Bulletin 2024-2  45 CFR §147.138 | Coverage includes, at a minimum, the World Professional Association for Transgender Health’s Standards of Care for the Health of Transgender and Gender Diverse People, Version 8 (WPATH-8).  A carrier offering a health benefit plan in this state may not:   * Deny or limit coverage under the plan for gender-affirming treatment that is:   + Medically necessary as determined by the physical or behavioral health care provider who prescribes the treatment; and   + Prescribed in accordance with accepted standards of care. * Apply categorical cosmetic or blanket exclusions to medically necessary gender-affirming treatment. * Exclude as a cosmetic service a medically necessary procedure prescribed by a physical or behavioral health care provider as gender-affirming treatment * Issue an adverse benefit determination denying or limiting access to gender-affirming treatment unless a physical or behavioral health care provider with experience prescribing or delivering gender-affirming treatment has first reviewed and approved the denial of or the limitation on access to the treatment. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Gestational diabetes** | ORS 743A.067 | A policy may not require a copayment or impose a coinsurance requirement or a deductible on the covered health services, medications, and supplies that are medically necessary for a woman to manage her diabetes, beginning with conception and ending six weeks postpartum.    Does not apply to High Deductible Health Plans and may be limited by network and formulary restrictions. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Hearing aids and assistive listening devices** | ORS 743A.141,  OAR 836-053-0012  HB 4104(2018)  HB 2994(2023) | Provides payment, coverage, or reimbursement for coverage of hearing aids and hearing aid related services and supplies consistent with ORS 743A.141 and OAR 836-053-0012(3)(a)(C).  The coverage required is not subject to the deductible except as allowed in ORS 742.008. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Human Papilloma Virus**  **(HPV) vaccine** | ORS 743A.105 | A policy must provide coverage of the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine for members. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Inborn errors of metabolism** | ORS 743A.188 | Coverage includes treatment of inborn errors of metabolism. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Inmate (pre-adjudicated) coverage** | ORS 743A.260 | A plan may not deny claims on the basis that enrollee is in custody of a local supervisory authority. | Confirmed |
| **Mastectomy-related services** | ORS 743A.110,  ORS 743A.111  42 U.S.C. § 300gg–27  Women’s Health and  Cancer Rights Act of  1998 | Coverage provides reimbursement for mastectomy-related services that are part of the enrollee's course of treatment including all stages of reconstruction with a single determination of prior authorization.  The enrollee must be provided a written notice at time of enrollment and annually thereafter describing the coverage for all mastectomy-related services. Include the definition of mastectomy in the contract. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Maxillofacial prosthetic service** | ORS 743A.148 | Coverage includes maxillofacial prosthetic services considered necessary for adjunctive treatment. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Newborns and mothers** | ORS 743B.195,  45 CFR 148.170  PHSA 2725 | Coverage provides 48 hours of care for vaginal delivery and 96 hours for cesarean and insurer compliance with the Federal Newborns’ and Mothers' Health Protection Act of 1996. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Nonprescription enteral formula for home use** | ORS 743A.070 | The policy provides coverage for formula needed to treat severe intestinal malabsorption. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Orally administered anticancer** | ORS 743A.068 | The policy provides coverage for oral anticancer medication on a basis no less favorable than intravenously administered or injected medications. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Oregon Universal Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Program** | ORS 743A.078  SB 526(2019)  SB 1555(2022) | A health benefit plan offered in this state must reimburse in full the cost to a provider of delivering universal newborn nurse home visiting services, as prescribed by the Oregon Health Authority by rule under ORS 433.301 (7) and (8).  Coverage for universal newborn nurse home visits as described above is not subject to cost sharing, coinsurance, or deductibles [unless required for the purpose of maintaining HDHP status as required by IRS law]. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Orthotic and prosthetic devices** | ORS 743A.145,  OAR 836-052-1000  SB 797(2023) | The plan provides coverage for prosthetic and orthotic devices that are medically necessary to restore or maintain the ability to complete activities of daily living or essential job-related activities and that are not solely for comfort or convenience. The coverage required by this subsection includes all services and supplies medically necessary for the effective use of a prosthetic or orthotic device, including design formulation, fabrication, material and component selection, measurements, fittings, static and dynamic alignments and patient instruction in the use of the device. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **PANS/PANDA** | ORS 743A.315  SB 628(2023) | A health benefit plan must cover the cost of up to three monthly immunomodulatory courses of intravenous immunoglobulin therapy for the treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, when specific conditions are met. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Pelvic and Pap smear examinations** | ORS 743A.104 | Coverage provides reimbursement for pelvic and Pap smear exams provided annually for individuals 18 to 64 and any time upon referral of the woman’s health care provider. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Pervasive developmental disorder** | ORS 743A.190  Bulletin 2014-1&2  45 CFR 156.125,  45 CFR 146.136,  45 CFR 156.125 | Pervasive Developmental Disorders (PDD) are mental health conditions and subject to all requirements of federal and state mental health parity laws.   * Categorical and broad-based treatment exclusions are prohibited. * Plans must provide medically necessary services without visit limits. * Plans must include inpatient and outpatient rehabilitative and inpatient and outpatient habilitative services and devices.   Bulletin 2014-2 contains additional coverage requirements for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Physical breast examinations** | ORS 743A.108 | Coverage includes a complete and thorough physical examination of the breast. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Pregnancy and childbirth expenses** | ORS 743A.080,  OAR 836-053-0003 | Pregnancy care means the care necessary to support a healthy pregnancy and care related to labor and delivery.   * Plans must provide payment or reimbursement for expenses associated with pregnancy care and childbirth. * Benefits provided under this section shall be extended to all enrollees, enrolled spouses, and enrolled dependents. * A carrier may not impose an exclusion period or a waiver in a health benefit plan for pregnancy and childbirth expenses, for which coverage is required by ORS 743A.080. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Preventive**  **Services** | ORS 743A.262,  ORS 743A.067,  OAR 836-053-0435  HB 3391(2017)  ORS 743B.425  HB 2574(2023)  42 U.S.C. 300gg-13,  45 CFR 147.130 | Plans must provide coverage of preventive health services, as listed below, and may not impose cost-sharing requirements for preventive services, except as allowed by law.   * Evidence-based items or services that have in effect a rating of “A” or “B” in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force * Immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention * Evidence-informed preventive care and screenings for infants, children, and adolescents supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)   In addition, preventive care and screenings as defined in ORS 743B.067 and HB 3391(2017)   * **A and B list for preventive services:** <https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/Page/Name/uspstf-a-and-b-recommendations/> * **Women’s preventive services**: <http://www.hrsa.gov/womensguidelines/>   Health beneﬁt plans must provide coverage without cost sharing for the thirteen (13) well-woman preventive services identiﬁed by HRSA. A list of these covered services can be found on the HRSA website at: https://www.hrsa.gov/womens-guidelines.  **Note**: For enrollees who do not have Internet access, the insurer must provide a phone number where the information available online will be described  An insurer shall make readily accessible to enrollees and potential enrollees, in a consumer-friendly format, information about the coverage of contraceptives by each health benefit plan and the coverage of other services, drugs, devices, products and procedures described in ORS 743A.067. The insurer must provide the information:        (a) On the insurer’s website; and        (b) In writing upon request by an enrollee or potential enrollee.  **Post-exposure prophylactic antiretroviral drugs (PrEP)** now qualify as a preventive medication per the USPSTF. **ORS 743B.425** and may not be subject to prior-authorization or restrict coverage to in-network pharmacists or pharmacies. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |

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| **Primary care visits** | ORS 743A.310,  OAR 836-053-0027,  OAR 836-053-0028  SB 1529(2022)  HB 2008(2023) | An individual or group policy or certificate of health insurance that is not offered on the health insurance exchange and that reimburses the cost of hospital, medical or surgical expenses, other than coverage limited to expenses from accidents or specific diseases and limited benefit coverage, shall, in each plan year, reimburse the cost of at least three primary care visits for behavioral health or physical health treatment.  An insurer that offers a qualified health plan on the health insurance exchange must offer at least one plan in each metal tier offered by the insurer | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Proton beam therapy** | ORS 743A.130  SB 2(2021)  SB 463(2023) | A health benefit plan that provides coverage of radiation therapy for the treatment of cancer must provide coverage for proton beam therapy for the treatment of cancer on a basis no less favorable than the coverage of radiation therapy including with respect to prior authorization or other utilization review requirements. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Reproductive Health Services** | ORS 743A.066,  ORS 743A.067,  OAR 836-053-0435  HB 2002(2023)  Bulletin 2025-03  PHSA 2713,  45 CFR 147.130,  42 U.S. Code § 300gg–13  HRSA Guidelines | A health benefit plan offered in this state must provide coverage for all of the services, drugs, devices, products and procedures listed in ORS 743A.067 and related federal and state laws. The coverage must be provided without a deductible, coinsurance, copayment or any other cost-sharing requirement for all services, drugs, devices, products and procedures listed in 743A.067(2) with the exception of the allowance provided in 743A.067(10).  HRSA Guidelines require coverage, without cost sharing, for all Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures, and patient education and counseling for all persons with reproductive capacity, as prescribed by a provider.  Plan must reimburse health care provider or dispensing entity for a dispensing of a contraceptive intended to last for:   * A three month period for the first dispensing of the contraceptive to an insured. * A twelve month period for subsequent dispensing of the same contraceptive to the insured regardless of whether the insured was enrolled in the program, plan or policy at the time of the first dispensing. * Over the counter contraceptive drugs must be covered in accordance with ORS 743A.067(2)(j)(c). | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Telemedical services** | ORS 743A.058  HB 2508(2021) | Must provide coverage of a health service that is provided using telemedicine. This coverage must include Landlines, wireless communications, the Internet, telephone networks, and Synchronous or asynchronous transmissions using audio only, video only, audio and video and transmission of data from remote monitoring devices. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Tobacco use cessation** | ORS 743A.170  USPSTF A and B List  45 CFR 147.102(1)(iv) | Please review the USPSTF A and B list for requirements related to tobacco use cessation: tobacco use cessation medication, including over the counter medications, must be provided without cost-sharing.  Tobacco use is defined as use of tobacco on average four or more times per week within no longer than the past six months. This includes all tobacco products, except that tobacco use does not include religious or ceremonial use of tobacco. Further, tobacco use must be defined in terms of when a tobacco product was last used.  For members not subject to USPSTF A and B List coverage, follow the Oregon mandate. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Traumatic brain injury** | ORS 743A.175 | A policy must cover medically-necessary therapy and services for the treatment of traumatic brain injury | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Wigs** | OAR 836-053-0012  (3)(c)(B) | Following chemotherapy or radiation therapy wigs must be covered up to the actuarial equivalent of $150 per calendar year.  ***Annual dollar limits must be converted to a non-dollar actuarial equivalent*** | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Women’s health care** | ORS 743B.222,  PHSA 2719A,  45 CFR 147.138 | Provision permits a female enrollee to designate a women’s health care provider as her primary care provider as defined in 743B.222.  “women’s health care provider” means an obstetrician or gynecologist, physician associate specializing in women’s health, advanced registered nurse practitioner specialist in women’s health, naturopathic physician specializing in women’s health or certified nurse midwife, practicing within the applicable lawful scope of practice. | Page:  Paragraph or Section:    N/A |
| **POLICY PROVISIONS** | | | |
| **Allowable charge methodology** | ORS 743B.281,  ORS 743B.282,  ORS 743B.283,  OAR 836-053-1409 to  OAR 836-053-1415 | A written methodology of how allowable charges are determined which complies with all methodology and disclosure requirements defined by law.  The plan must establish a process for providing enrollees a reasonable estimate of the cost of services in advance of the procedure. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Annual and lifetime dollar limits prohibited** | ORS 743B.125,  45 CFR 147.126,  29 CFR 2590.715-2711 | An individual health benefit plan may not impose annual or lifetime limits on the dollar amount of essential health benefits. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Arbitration** | ORS 36.600 to  ORS 36.740  Bulletin 2020-1 | Voluntary arbitration is permitted by the Oregon Constitution and statutes.  Please see additional details below:   * Either party may elect arbitration at the time of the dispute (after the claimant has exhausted all internal appeals if applicable); * Unless there is mutual agreement to use an arbitration process, the decision will only be binding on the party that demanded arbitration; * Arbitration will take place in the insured’s county or at another agreed upon location; * Arbitration will take place according to Oregon law, unless Oregon law conflicts with Federal Code. * The process may not restrict the injured party’s access to other court proceedings; * Restricting participation in a class action suit is permissible. | Page:  Paragraph or Section:    N/A |
| **Attorney Fees** | ORS 742.061 | The policy may not include a provision that eliminates access to attorney fees in a dispute between the carrier and the policyholder | Page:  Paragraph or Section |
| **Balance billing prohibited for in-network healthcare facility services** | Bulletin 2022-1,  45 C.F.R § 149.410,  45 C.F.R § 149.440  No Surprises Act:  PHS Act 2799B-8 & 9 | Balance billing is not permitted for services performed by an out of network provider received at an in-network facility and for emergency services. | Confirmed |
| **Beneficiaries** | ORS 743.444\* | If the policy includes a provision for beneficiaries, the policy must include language from ORS 743.444 or equivalent. | Page:  Paragraph or Section:    N/A |
| **Cancellation and nonrenewal** | ORS 743.495,  ORS 743.498,  ORS 743B.323,  ORS 743B.330,  OAR 836-053-0415 | A noncancelable or guaranteed renewable policy includes a statement from ORS 743.498 or similar language in the policy, explaining the guaranteed or cancelable periods. A separate notice of cancellation must be mailed 10 days prior to the end of the grace period. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Certifications and disclosure of coverage** | ORS 743B.102 | All carriers that offer individual or group health benefit plans shall provide certifications and disclosure of coverage in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 300gg(e) and 300gg-43 as amended and in effect on July 1, 1997. | Confirmed |
| **Claim procedures**  **Claim procedures**  **(continued)** | 29 CFR 2560.503-1 | Claims procedures must include applicable time frames; urgent and concurrent care; ongoing services, treatment, post-service claims; and standards for all required notices. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Claim forms**  ORS 743.426\* | The “claim forms” statement in ORS 743.426 or a similar statement is included in the policy | Page:  Paragraph or Section:    N/A |
| **Notice of claim**  ORS 743.423(1)\* | The “notice of claims” statement in ORS 743.423(1) or a similar statement is included in the policy. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Payment of claims**  ORS 743.435\* | The “payment of claims” statement in ORS 743.435 or a similar statement is included in the policy | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Time of payment of claims**  ORS 743.432\* | A “time of payment of claims” statement similar to that in ORS 743.432 is included in the policy. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Conflict between state and federal law** | OAR 836-053-0004,  OAR 836-053-0012(5) | If both a state law and federal law require coverage of the same or similar service, the insurer must assure that all elements of both laws are met and provide the coverage in the manner most beneficial to the consumer. | Confirmed |
| **Continuity of care** | ORS 743B.225 | Carriers must disclose the availability of continuity of care and comply with all coverage and notice requirements described in statute. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Coordination of benefits** | ORS 743B.475,  OAR 836-020-0770 to  OAR 836-020-0806 | Coordination of benefits provisions comply with ORS 743B.475 and OAR 836-020-0770 to 0806, and related exhibits.  Reduction of benefit payments on the basis of other insurance for the insured individual is in full accordance with coordination-of-benefits rules.  A COB provision may not be used that permits a plan to reduce its benefits on the basis that a person is eligible or could have been covered under another plan, including Part B of Medicare. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Dependent coverage**  **Dependent Coverage**  **(continued)** | **Carrier eligibility determination limitations**  ORS 743B.470 | An insurer may not deny enrollment of a child under the health plan of the child’s parent on the ground that:  (a) The child was born out of wedlock;  (b) The child is not claimed as a dependent on the parent’s federal tax return; or  (c) The child does not reside with the child’s parent or in the insurer’s service area.  A health insurer is prohibited from considering the availability or eligibility for medical assistance in this or any other state under Medicaid when considering eligibility for coverage or making payments under its group or individual plan for eligible enrollees, subscribers, policyholders or certificate holders. | Confirmed |
| **Dependents age 26**  45 CFR 147.120 | Plans that provide dependent coverage must extend coverage to adult children up to age 26. Plans are not required to cover children of adult dependents. *“Child” means an individual who is under 26 years of age.* | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Domestic partners**  ORS 106.300 to  ORS 106.340,  Bulletin 2008-2  HB 2032(2023)  **Natural and adopted children**  ORS 743A.090 | The Oregon Family Fairness Act (ORS 106.300 to 106.340) recognizes and authorizes domestic partnerships in Oregon.   * A domestic partnership is defined in ORS 106.310 as “a civil contract entered into in person between two individuals who are at least 18 years of age, who are otherwise capable and at least one of whom is a resident of Oregon.” * Any time that coverage is extended to a spouse it must also extend to a domestic partner under conditions no more restrictive than are offered to a married spouse.   Policy covers natural children of the insured and/or qualified eligible dependents from the moment of birth. Covers adopted children of the insured from the date of placement of the children with the insured for adoption. | Page:  Paragraph or Section:  Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Same-sex marriages performed in other states**  OAR 836-010-0150 | Oregon recognizes the marriages of same-sex couples validly performed in other jurisdictions to the same extent that they recognize other marriages validly performed in other jurisdictions. | Confirmed |
| **Discretionary clauses** | OAR 836-010-0026 | Prohibition on the use of discretionary clauses. Discretionary clause means a policy provision that purports to bind the claimant, or to grant deference to the insurer, in proceedings subsequent to the insurer’s decision, denial or interpretation of terms, coverage or eligibility for benefits**.** | Confirmed    N/A |
| **Discrimination**  **Discrimination**  **(continued)** | ORS 746.015,  45 CFR 146.121  OAR 836-080-0055,  45 CFR 156.200(e),  81 FR 31375,  ACA section 1557 | No person shall make or permit any unfair discrimination between individuals of the same class and equal expectation of life, or between risks of essentially the same degree of hazard | Confirmed |
| Distinctions based on sex, sexual orientation, or marital status made in the following matters constitute unfair discrimination:  (1) The availability of a particular insurance policy.  (2) The availability of a particular amount of insurance or set of coverage delimiting factors.  (3) The availability of a particular policy coverage or type of benefit, except for those relating to physical characteristics unique to one sex.  A QHP issuer must not, with respect to its QHP, discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation. | Confirmed |
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|  | **Benefit design**  45 CFR 156.125(a) | The benefit design or implementation of benefits is not based on predicated disability, degree of medical dependency, quality of life, or other health conditions. | Confirmed |
| **Diethylstilbestrol use by mother**  ORS 743A.088 | Insurers may not deny issuance of a health insurance policy because the mother of the insured used drugs containing diethylstilbestrol prior to the insured’s birth. | Confirmed |
| **Gender specific coverage**  Bulletin 2016-1  OAR 836-010-0155  42 U.S. Code 18116 | The perceived gender or gender identity of a person should not prevent appropriate treatment required by mandates that are gender specific.  Any health care services that are ordinarily or exclusively available to individuals of one sex may not be denied based on the *perceived* gender or gender identity of a person when the denial or limitation is due only to the fact that the insured is enrolled as belonging to the other sex.  **Note**: Carriers are reminded to use caution when applying gender specific pronouns. | Confirmed |
| **Health factors**  45 CFR 146.121,  45 CFR 147.110  45 CFR 148.180 | The policy does not discriminate against participants and beneficiaries based on a health factor. Health factors means health status, medical condition, physical illness, mental illness, claims experience, receipt of health care, medical history, genetic information, evidence of insurability, or disability.  This term also encompasses source of injury exclusions, including riots, service in the armed forces, and high risk sports. These exclusions are prohibited. | Confirmed |
| **Providers**  42 U.S.C. 300gg-5  PHSA 2706  ORS 743B.505(2) | The policy does not discriminate against providers acting within scope of own licensure or certification. | Confirmed |
| **Unmarried women and their children**  ORS 743A.084 | The policy does not discriminate between married and unmarried women or between children of married and unmarried women. | Confirmed |
| **Effective dates** | ORS 743.405(2)  OAR 836-053-0431  45 CFR 155.410,  45 CFR 155.420,  45 CFR 155.305 | The policy must state the time at which the insurance takes effect and terminates. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| This policy or contract form must provide for an annual open enrollment period, and special enrollment periods, including those special enrollment periods that allow for the addition of a new family member. | Page:  Paragraph or Section:    N/A |
| **Eligibility** | ORS 743B.126,  ORS 743B.103,  OAR 836-053-0431  PHSA 1557 | Eligibility is not based on any health status related factors. | Confirmed |
| **Residency Requirements**  45 CFR 155.305 | On-Exchange: Must be U.S. citizen and resident of Oregon  Off-Exchange: No requirement to be a U.S. citizen | Confirmed |
| **Entire contract** | ORS 742.016,  ORS 743.411\* | The “entire contract” statement in ORS 743.411 or similar statement is included in the policy, explaining that the contract, including the endorsements and attached papers, if any, constitutes the entire contract of insurance. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Entire money** | ORS 743.405(1) | The policy must include a statement of the entire money and other considerations due. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Enrollees covered by workers’ compensation** | ORS 743B.810,  OAR 836-053-0100,  OAR 836-053-0105 | Requires health benefit plans to provide coverage for claims for covered services denied or not yet adjudicated by the workers’ compensation carrier.  The plan shall expedite preauthorization required for, work-related injuries or occupational diseases if:        (a) The injured worker is covered by workers’ compensation insurance and the health benefit plan; and        (b) The injured worker has submitted a workers’ compensation claim for the work-related injury or occupational disease that has not been accepted or denied by the workers’ compensation carrier.  The plan shall guarantee payment for preauthorized medical services to the provider of those medical services according to the terms, conditions and benefits of the plan if the claim is found not to be a compensable workers’ compensation claim. | Confirmed |
| **Essential health benefit plans** | ORS 743B.125,  ORS 743B.013,  ORS 731.097,  OAR 836-053-0012  PHSA 2711,  42 U.S.C.§ 300gg-6)(b),  45 CFR 156.110  **Pediatric Dental**  OAR 836-053-0012  (2)(b)(B) | The policy must cover at least the following general categories of  benefits:   * Ambulatory patient services * Emergency services * Hospitalization * Maternity and newborn care * Mental health and substance abuse disorder services, including behavioral health treatment * Prescription drugs * Rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices * Laboratory services * Preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management * Pediatric services, including oral and vision care   **Note:** If this policy provides coverage for pediatric dental, it must follow the requirements under Oregon Benchmark (CHIP) plan in our pediatric dental product standard and be certified by the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Essential Health Benefit Plans**  **(continued)** | **Pediatric Vision**  OAR 836-053-0012 (2)(b)(C)  OAR 836-053-0012  (2)(g) | * Eye exam and hardware * One exam and lenses every year * One frame every two years, subject to maximum benefit   “Pediatric vision benefits” means the benefits described in the vision provisions of the Federal Employee Dental and Vision Insurance Plan Blue Vision High Option as set forth on the Insurance Division website. Pediatric vision benefits are payable to persons under 19 years of age.  ***Annual dollar limits must be converted to a non-dollar actuarial equivalent.*** | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Benefits not allowed as EHB’s**  OAR 836-053-0012(4) | The following may not be included as essential health benefits:  (a) Routine non-pediatric dental services;  (b) Routine non-pediatric eye exam services;  (c) Long-term care or custodial nursing home care benefits; or  (d) Non-medically necessary orthodontia services. | Confirmed |
| **Grace period** | ORS 743.417,  ORS 743B.323,  ORS 743B.320,  45 CFR 156.270(2) | Plans outside the exchange – Policy shall specify a minimum grace period of at least 10 days after the premium due date for the payment of each premium falling due after the first premium, during which grace period the policy shall continue in force.  Plans inside the exchange - The policy complies with the three month grace period rules established by the exchange. Enrollees who are receiving a tax credit will have coverage for all allowable claims for the first month of the three month grace period and may pend subsequent claims in the second and third month of the grace period. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Grievances, internal appeals and external review**  **Grievances, internal appeals and external review**  **(continued)** | ORS 743B.001 | Include the statutory definition for:   * Adverse benefit determination * Authorized representative * Grievance | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| ORS 743B.250,  OAR 836-053-1030,  OAR 836-053-1090,  OAR 836-053-1110,  45 CFR §147.136 | Each insurer must furnish written information to policyholders that is required by ORS 743B.250.  The written information must be included either in the policy or in other evidence of coverage that is delivered to the individual policyholder by the insurer.  The carrier must provide assistance in filing written grievances and provide to enrollees information regarding the use of the insurer’s grievance process. A written decision by an insurer in response to a grievance must disclose that the enrollee has a right to file a complaint or seek other assistance from the Insurance Division of the Department of Consumer and Business Services and provide contact the contact information described in OAR 836-053-1030(6). | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Internal appeals** | **The following items must be disclosed in the policy:** | |
| ORS 742.005,  ORS 743B.250,  OAR 836-053-1100 | * The plan includes a grievance process as required by state law. * The plan includes proper adverse benefit determination and IRO requirements per state law. * Information on the grievance process is explained in the policy and certificate. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **External appeals** | **The insurer must have a process in place for an external review with an Independent Review Organization (IRO) and the following must be disclosed in the policy:** | |
| ORS 743B.252,  ORS 743B.254,  ORS 743B.255,  OAR 836-053-1030  Bulletin 2020-15 | A disclosure that the enrollee may request and receive from the insurer the information the insurer is required to disclose under ORS 743B.250.  To ensure transparency and an equitable and uniform approach to this issue, the division instructs insurers to develop and follow a set of written policies and procedures to ensure timely receipt of a signed waiver from an enrollee to enable compliance with the required timelines for the external review process. This set of policies and procedures must be specified in policy forms subject to review by the division, including both a consumer-facing description of the process to get a signed waiver and a document detailing the carrier's internal policies and procedures in this area.  Include in the plan the following statements, in boldfaced type or otherwise emphasized:  1. A statement of the right of an enrollee to apply for external review by an independent review organization;  2. A statement that an enrollee applying for external review by an independent review organization may be required to authorize the release of any medical records necessary to conduct the external review; and  3. A statement that if the insurer does not follow a decision of an independent review organization, the enrollee has the right to sue the insurer. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Additional information upon request**  ORS 743B.250,  OAR 836-053-1030(12) | The notice must also include a statement that the following additional information may be available from the Department of Consumer and Business Services:   * Annual summary of grievance and appeals * Annual summary of utilization review policies * Annual summary of quality assessment activities * Results of all publicly available accreditations surveys * Annual summary of the insurer’s health promotion and disease prevention activities * Annual summary of scope of network and accessibility of services | Confirmed |
| **Guaranteed availability** | ORS 743B.005,  45 CFR 155.420  45 CFR 147.104 | The policy explains special and open enrollment periods.  Issuers may restrict enrollment to open and special enrollment periods and enrollment periods for qualifying events. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Guaranteed issue**  **Guaranteed issue**  **(continued)** | ORS 743B.003,  ORS 743B.125,  OAR 836-053-0431(1) | A carrier must offer all of its approved nongrandfathered individual health benefit plans (that are not closed) and plan options, including individual plans offered through associations, to all individuals eligible for such plans on a guaranteed issue basis without regard to health status, age, immigration status or lawful presence in the United States. | Confirmed |
| OAR 836-053-0431(2)(b) | A carrier must enroll an individual who, within 60 days before application for coverage with the carrier:   * Loses minimum essential coverage. Loss of minimum essential coverage does not include termination or loss due to failure to pay premiums or rescission as specified in 45 CFR 147.128. The effective date of coverage for the loss of minimum essential must be consistent with the requirements of 45 CFR 155.420(b)(1). | Confirmed |
| OAR 836-053-0431(2)(b) | * Gains a dependent or becomes a dependent through marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption or foster care. The effective date for coverage for enrollment under this paragraph must be: * For marriage, no later than the first day of the first calendar month following the date the carrier receives the request for special enrollment. * For birth, on the date of birth. * For adoption or placement for adoption or foster care, no later than the date of adoption or placement for adoption or foster care. * Experiences a qualifying event as defined under section 603 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended. * Experiences an event described in 45 CFR 155.420(d)(4), (5), (6), or (7). | Confirmed |
| **Permissible reasons to deny enrollment**  OAR 836-053-0431(2)(a) | A carrier must deny enrollment under the following circumstances:  (A) To an individual who is not lawfully present in the United States in a plan provided through the exchange.  (B) To an individual entitled to benefits under a Medicare plan under part A or B or a Medicare Choice or Medicare Advantage plan described in 42 USC 1395W–21, if and only if the individual is enrolled in such a plan. | Confirmed |
| **Guaranteed renewability** | ORS 743B.003,  ORS 743B.125  45 CFR 147.106  PHSA 2702 | The policy guarantees the renewability of insurance coverage in compliance with the federal mandate.  An issuer that offers health insurance coverage must renew or continue in force coverage. An issuer may only non-renew in the event of nonpayment of premiums, fraud, violation of participation or contribution rates, market exit, movement outside the service area, or cessation of association membership. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Health Savings Accounts** | OAR 836-053-0011,  ORS 743A.067(10) | If a plan or product is HSA eligible under applicable federal law, the insurer or health care service contractor shall clearly indicate on any applicable plan and benefits template or other plan or product specific filing document that the plan is HSA eligible. | Confirmed |
| **HIPAA requirements** | ORS 743B.003  45 CFR Part 160,  45 CFR Part 164 (Subparts A and E) | Policy meets all HIPAA privacy requirements and all HIPAA-related statements are solely supported by HIPAA requirements. | Confirmed |
| **Hospital payment of copayment or deductible for insured patient.** | ORS 743B.290 | An insurer may not prohibit a hospital, as a condition of reimbursing a claim for hospital services, from paying or waiving all or a portion of a copayment or deductible owed by an insured under the policy or certificate. | Confirmed |
| **Incontestability** | ORS 743.414(3)\* | The policy contains a provision similar to: “After this policy has been in force for a period of two years during the lifetime of the insured (excluding any period during which the insured is disabled), it shall become incontestable as to the statements contained in the application.” | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Inducements not specified in policy** | ORS 746.035 | Except as otherwise expressly provided by the Insurance Code, no person shall permit, offer to make or make any contract of insurance, or agreement as to such contract, unless all agreements or understandings by way of inducement are plainly expressed in the policy issued thereon. | Page:  Paragraph or Section:    N/A |
| **Legal actions** | ORS 743.441\* | Provision states that no action at law or in equity is brought to recover on this policy prior to the expiration of 60 days after written proof of loss has been furnished in accordance with the policy. No action shall be brought after the expiration of three years after the time written proof of loss is required. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Marketing and benefit design of QHPs (inside exchange only)** | 45 CFR 156.225 | A QHP issuer and its officials, employees, agents, and representatives must not employ marketing practices or benefit designs that will have the effect of discouraging the enrollment of individuals with significant health needs in QHPs. | Confirmed |
| **Maximum out of pocket** | **Calendar year, contract year and rating period**.  ORS 743B.005(23)  PHSA 2707,  45 CFR 156.130(a) | For 2015, individual health plans must limit out-of-pocket maximums on essential health benefits to the amount described in 42 U.S.C. § 18022 (c)(1)(B).  Out-of-pocket provisions define calendar year and contract year. The definition follows your administration of these provisions and clearly states how the crediting for previously satisfied deductibles or out-of-pocket maximum is applied to mid-year contract renewal. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |

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| **Network adequacy** | ORS 743B.505,  OAR 836-053-0300 to  OAR 836-053-0350  PHSA 2702(c),  45 CFR 156.230 | A QHP issuer must ensure that the provider network of each of its QHPs, as available to all enrollees, meets the following standards—  (1) Includes essential community providers in accordance with 45 CFR 156.235;  (2) Maintains a network that is sufficient in number and types of providers, including providers that specialize in mental health and substance abuse services, to assure that all services will be accessible without unreasonable delay; and,  (3) Is consistent with the network adequacy provisions of PHSA section 2702(c).  A QHP issuer must publish an up-to-date, accurate, and complete provider directory, including information on which providers are accepting new patients, the provider's location, contact information, specialty, medical group, and any institutional affiliations, in a manner that is easily accessible to plan enrollees, prospective enrollees, the State, the Exchange, HHS and OPM. A provider directory is easily accessible when -   1. The general public is able to view all of the current providers for a plan in the provider directory on the issuer's public Web site through a clearly identifiable link or tab and without creating or accessing an account or entering a policy number; and 2. If a health plan issuer maintains multiple provider networks, the general public is able to easily discern which providers participate in which plans and which provider networks.   **Out-of-network cost sharing.** For a network to be deemed adequate, each QHP that uses a provider network must:   1. Notwithstanding [§ 156.130(c)](https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/45/156.130" \l "c), count the cost sharing paid by an enrollee for an essential health benefit provided by an out-of-network ancillary provider in an in-network setting towards the enrollee's annual limitation on cost sharing; or | Confirmed |

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| **Network adequacy**  **(continued)** | | | ORS 743B.505,  OAR 836-053-0300 to  OAR 836-053-0350  PHSA 2702(c),  45 CFR 156.230 | 1. Provide a written notice to the enrollee by the longer of when the [issuer](file:///C:\\definitions\\index.php%3fwidth=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=1941fa05d02dda0a2e526e084c1262b7&term_occur=10&term_src=Title:45:Chapter:A:Subchapter:B:Part:156:Subpart:C:156.230) would typically respond to a prior authorization request timely submitted, or 48 hours before the provision of the benefit, that additional costs may be incurred for an essential health benefit provided. | | |  | |
| **Notification of changes to preventive benefits** | | | OAR 836-053-0001,  OAR 836-053-0002,  PHSA 2715,  45 CFR 147.106,  45 CFR 147.130(b) | Only at the time of renewal may issuers modify the health insurance coverage for a product offered to an enrollee.   * Written notice must be provided to each enrollee in accordance with state and federal law. * Federal law requires plans to cover recommended preventive services with zero cost share no later than 12 months from the date the recommendation is released. * Insurers must provide 60-days notice to enrollees before material modifications are made to coverage of preventive services under PHSA 2715(d)(4). | | | Page:  Paragraph or Section: | |
| **Pediatrician access** | | | PHSA 2719A,  45 CFR 147.138(a)(2) | Requires a non-grandfathered plan that mandates designation of a primary care physician to allow the policyholder to designate any willing in-network pediatrician as a child’s primary care physician. | | | Page:  Paragraph or Section:    N/A | |
| **Physical examinations and autopsy** | | | ORS 743.438\* | The policy shall contain a similar provision as follows: “PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS AND AUTOPSY: The insurer at its own expense shall have the right and opportunity to examine the person of the insured when and as often as it may reasonably require during the pendency of a claim hereunder and to make an autopsy in case of death where it is not forbidden by law.” | | | Page:  Paragraph or Section:    N/A | |
| **Primary care providers** | | | ORS 743B.250,  ORS 743B.220,  OAR 836-053-1030(9)  SB 1529(2022) | If a plan has a defined network of participating providers it must include a list of:   * All participating primary care providers; * Direct access providers; and * All specialty care providers.   The plan must permit the enrollee to change participating primary care physicians at will, except that the enrollee may be restricted to making changes no more frequently than two times in any 12-month period and may be limited to designating only those participating primary care physicians accepting new patients.  An insurer must assign a beneficiary under the policy or certificate to a primary care provider if the beneficiary or a parent of a minor beneficiary has not selected a primary care provider by the 90th day of the plan year. If the insurer assigns the beneficiary to a primary care provider, the insurer shall provide notice of the assignment to the beneficiary or parent and to the primary care provider. | | | Yes N/A | |
| **Prior Authorization** | | | ORS 743B.420,  ORS 743B.423,  ORS 743B.250(6),  OAR 836-053-1200  SB 249(2019)  HB 2517(2021) | “Prior authorization” means a determination by an insurer prior to provision of services that the insurer will provide reimbursement for the services   * Policy describes prior authorization and binding in compliance with the listed statutes as updated by SB 249(2019). * Prior authorization determinations relating to benefit coverage and medical necessity shall be binding on the insurer if obtained no more than 30 days prior to the date the service is provided. * A provider request for prior authorization of nonemergency service must be answered within two business days. * Upon request, an insurer must provide to enrollees a summary of utilization review criteria. | | | Page:  Paragraph or Section: | |
| **Proof of loss** | ORS 743.429\*  OAR 836-080-0230,  OAR 836-080-0235 | The policy includes claim procedures and the procedures and timelines comply with fair claim practice requirements.  The “Proof of Loss” statement in ORS 743.429 or a similar statement that proof of loss is due to the insurer within 90 days of the loss or, in the case of continuing loss for which the insurer is obligated to make periodic payments, 90 days after the end of the period of insurer liability. If it is not reasonably possible for the policyholder to meet this requirement, the claim shall not be invalidated or reduced if proof of loss is provided as soon as is reasonably possible and not later than one year after the date proof is otherwise required, except in the absence of legal capacity. | | Page:  Paragraph or Section: | | |
| **Rebates** | ORS 746.045 | No person shall personally or otherwise offer, promise, allow, give, set off, pay or receive, directly or indirectly, any rebate of or rebate of part of the premium payable on an insurance policy unless disclosed in the policy. | | Confirmed    N/A | | |
| **Referrals to specialists** | ORS 743B.227 | If an insurer requires, as a condition of coverage for specialty care services, a referral by a physician who is authorized under the plan or under the medical services contract between the physician and the insurer to refer an enrollee to specialty care services, the insurer must include the requirements of the listed statute in the plan. | | Page:  Paragraph or Section: | | |
| **Rescissions** | ORS 743B.125,  ORS 743B.310,  OAR 836-053-0830,  PHSA 2712  45 CFR 147.128 | Coverage may be rescinded only for fraud or intentional misrepresentation of material fact as prohibited by the terms of the coverage. A plan must provide at least 30 days advance written notice to each participant who would be affected prior to rescinding coverage. | | **Rescissions** | | |
| **Time limit on certain defenses** | ORS 743.414(1)(2)\* | The policy contains a provision similar to: “After two years from the date of issue of this policy no misstatements, except fraudulent misstatements, made by the applicant in the application for such policy shall be used to void the policy or to deny a claim for loss incurred or disability, as defined in the policy, commencing after the expiration of that period.” | | Page:  Paragraph or Section: | | |
| **Utilization review** | ORS 743B.423,  OAR 836-053-1030(8),  OAR 836-053-1140  ORS 743B.250  HB 2517(2021) | The plan must follow all requirements described in 743B.423 and related requirements.  “Utilization review” means a set of formal techniques used by an insurer or delegated by the insurer designed to monitor the use of or evaluate the medical necessity, appropriateness, efficacy or efficiency of health care services, procedures or settings. | | Page:  Paragraph or Section: | | |
| **PRESCRIPTION DRUGS** | | | | | | | |
| **90 day supply of prescription** | ORS 743A.063 | A health benefit plan that provides coverage for a prescription drug benefit program must provide reimbursement for up to a 90-day supply of a prescription drug if the requirements of 743A.063 are met. | | | Page:  Paragraph or Section: | | |
| **Coverage minimums** | 45 CFR 156.122 | Plans must provide coverage of at least one drug in every United States Pharmacopeia (USP) category and class as the prescription drug coverage of the plan described in OAR 836-053-0012(2)(b); or the same number of prescription drugs in each category and class as the prescription drug coverage of the plan described in OAR 836-053-0012(2)(b).The plan must have procedures in place that allow an enrollee to request and gain access to clinically appropriate drugs not covered by the health plan. | | | Confirmed | | |
| **Drug Formularies** | | OAR 836-053-1020(8)  OAR 836-053-1020,  45 CFR 156.122 | | An insurer that issues a small group or individual health benefit plan formulary does not comply with the nondiscrimination requirements of OAR 836-053-0012 if most or all drugs to treat a specific condition are placed in the highest cost tier.  A plan’s formulary must contain an exception process unless the product is using an open formulary.  An insurer that uses a closed formulary must have a written procedure stating that FDA approved prescription drug products are covered only if they are listed in the formulary. The procedure must also describe how the insurer determines the content of the closed formulary and how the insurer determines the application of a medical exception. The procedure must describe how a provider may request inclusion of a new item in the closed formulary and must ensure that the insurer will issue a timely written response to a provider making such a request.  Such procedures must include a process for an enrollee, the enrollee's designee, or the enrollee's prescribing physician (or other prescriber) to request an expedited review based on exigent circumstances.  A health plan must make its coverage determination on an expedited review request based on exigent circumstances and notify the enrollee or the enrollee's designee and the prescribing physician (or other prescriber, as appropriate) of its coverage determination no later than 24 hours after it receives the request. | | | Confirmed    N/A | |
| **Open formulary**  OAR 836-053-1020(2) | | An insurer that uses an open formulary must have a written procedure that includes the written criteria or explains the review process established by the insurer for determining when an item will be limited or excluded pursuant to the insurer's policy regarding medical appropriateness. | | | Confirmed    N/A | |

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| **Drug Formularies**  **(continued)** | **Mandatory closed formulary**  ORS 743B.250(1)(d),  OAR 836-053-1020(4),  OAR 836-053-1030(11) | If the insurer of a plan uses a mandatory closed formulary, the information for that plan must prominently disclose and explain the formulary provision. The disclosure and explanation must be in boldfaced type or otherwise emphasized.  The insurer must also include a written procedure that describes the following:   * FDA approved prescription drug products are covered only if they are listed in the formulary. * How the insurer determines the content of the mandatory closed formulary; * How a provider may request inclusion of a new item in the formulary; and * An insurer will issue a timely written response to a provider making such a request. | | | Page:  Paragraph or Section:    N/A | |
| **Opioid withdrawal medication**  ORS 743B.425 | In reimbursing the cost of medication prescribed for the purpose of treating opioid or opiate withdrawal, an insurer offering a health benefit plan as defined in ORS 743B.005 may not require prior authorization of payment during the first 60 days of treatment and cannot restrict access to in-network pharmacists or pharmacies. ORS 742.008 does not apply. | | | Confirmed | |
| **Step therapy**  ORS 743B.602 | Requires health benefit plans to provide provider with an explanation of its prescription drug step therapy protocols and the mechanism for seeking override of the protocol | | | Confirmed    N/A | |
| **Synchronization plan**  ORS 743B.601 | Requires health benefit plans to provide a means for insureds to synchronize prescriptions. | | | Confirmed | |
| **Eye drops** | ORS 743A.065 | Provides coverage for one early refill of a prescription for eye drops to treat glaucoma under certain conditions provided in statute. | | | Confirm | |
| **Insulin** | 743A.069  SB 1508(2024) | Coverage of insulin requires first dollar coverage and out of pocket cost is capped at $35 for a 30 day supply of a type of prescribed insulin or $105 for a 90-day supply. | | | Confirmed | |
| **Prescription drugs** | ORS 743A.062,  ORS 743A.064 | Prescription drug coverage does not exclude coverage of a drug because the drug is not Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved for a prescribed medical condition if the drug is recognized as effective for the treatment of that indication under the conditions specified in ORS 743A.062.  The plan must include coverage for prescription drugs dispensed by a licensed practitioner at a rural health clinic for an urgent medical condition if there is not a pharmacy within 15 miles of the clinic or if the prescription is dispensed for a patient outside of the normal business hours of any pharmacy within 15 miles of the clinic. | | | Confirmed | |
| **PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT** | | | | | | | |
| **Acupuncturist** | | ORS 743A.020,  OAR 836-053-0017 | A policy that provides coverage for acupuncture services performed by a physician shall provide coverage for acupuncture services performed by a licensed acupuncturist. This coverage is now an EHB in Oregon and required coverage. | | | | Page:  Paragraph or Section:    N/A |
| **Ambulance payments** | | ORS 743A.014 | If the policy provides coverage for ambulance care and transportation, the insurer shall indemnify directly the provider of the ambulance care and transportation. | | | | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Chiropractic** | | OAR 836-053-0017 | Chiropractic services are now an EHB and required coverage for all plans. | | | | Page:  Paragraph or Section: |
| **Clinical social worker** | | ORS 743A.024 | Whenever any individual policy provides for payment or reimbursement for any service within the lawful scope of service of a clinical social worker licensed under ORS 675.530:  (1) The insured under the policy shall be entitled to the services of a clinical social worker licensed under ORS 675.530, upon referral by a physician or psychologist.  (2) The insured under the policy shall be entitled to have payment or reimbursement made to the insured or on behalf of the insured for the services performed. The payment or reimbursement shall be in accordance with the benefits provided in the policy and shall be computed in the same manner whether performed by a physician, by a psychologist or by a clinical social worker, according to the customary and usual fee of clinical social workers in the area served. | | | | Page:  Paragraph or Section:    N/A |
| **Dentist** | | ORS 743A.032\* | Coverage provides reimbursement for any surgical service that is within the lawful scope of practice of a licensed dentist, if policy provided benefits when a physician performed the service. | | | | Page:  Paragraph or Section:    N/A |
| **Denturist** | | ORS 743A.028\* | If the contract covers services provided by a denturist, the same coverage should be extended when the services are provided by a licensed dentist. | | | | Page:  Paragraph or Section:    N/A |
| **Expanded practice dental hygienist** | | ORS 743A.034 | Any policy covering dental health that provides for a dentist must also provide coverage for an expanded practice dental hygienist. | | | | Page:  Paragraph or Section:    N/A |
| **Nurse practitioner or physician associate** | | ORS 743A.036  HB 4010(2024) | Whenever any policy of health insurance provides for reimbursement for a primary care or mental health service provided by a licensed physician, the insured under the policy is entitled to reimbursement for such service if provided by a licensed physician associate or a certified nurse practitioner if the service is within the lawful scope of practice of the physician associate or nurse practitioner. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: | | | |
| **Naturopathic physicians** | | ORS 743B.407 | An insurer shall provide a naturopathic physician the choice of applying to be credentialed by the insurer as a primary care provider or as a specialty care provider. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: | | | |
| **Optometrist/**  **Vision care providers** | | ORS 743A.040,  ORS 743B.406,  ORS 750.065 | Coverage provides reimbursement for any service that is within the lawful scope of practice of a duly licensed optometrist, if the policy provides benefits when a physician performed the service.  Vision care provider contracts must comply with 743B.406. | Page:  Paragraph or Section:    N/A | | | |
| **Services provided by osteopathic physician** | | ORS 743A.018 | An insurer that offers a health benefit plan that reimburses the cost of an osteopathic manipulative treatment provided by an osteopathic physician shall reimburse the cost of the evaluation conducted by the osteopathic physician that resulted in the osteopathic manipulative treatment. | Page:  Paragraph or Section:    N/A | | | |
| **Pharmacists** | | ORS 743A.051,  ORS 743A066(a)(b)  HB 2958(2021) | Whenever the plan provides for payment or reimbursement for a service that is within the lawful scope of practice of a pharmacist, the insurer may provide payment or reimbursement for the service when the service is provided by a pharmacist; and shall provide payment or reimbursement for the prescription of emergency refills of insulin and associated insulin-related devices and supplies as described in ORS 689.696.  If covered for other drug benefits under the program, plan or policy, outpatient consultations, including pharmacist consultations, examinations, procedures and medical services that are necessary to prescribe, dispense, deliver, distribute, administer or remove a prescription contraceptive.  In addition, a pharmacist is also authorized to prescribe, dispense, and administer preexposure prophylactic antiretroviral therapies (PrEP) medications and HIV tests. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: | | | |
| **Physician associate** | | ORS 743A.044  HB 4010(2024) | An insurer may not refuse a claim solely on the ground that the claim was submitted by a physician associate rather than by a supervising physician for the physician associate. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: | | | |
| **Professional counselor or marriage and family therapist** | | ORS 743A.052 | If a group health benefit plan, as described in ORS 743B.005, provides for coverage for services performed by a clinical social worker or nurse practitioner, the plan also must cover services provided by a professional counselor or marriage and family therapist licensed under ORS 675.715 to 675.835. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: | | | |
| **Psychologist** | | ORS 743A.048 | Coverage provides reimbursement for any service that is within the lawful scope of practice of a duly licensed psychologist. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: | | | |
| **State hospitals** | | ORS 743A.010 | Policy does not exclude benefits for covered services because they were provided by any hospital owned or operated by the state of Oregon, or any state approved community mental health and developmental disabilities program. | Confirmed | | | |
| **Risk sharing** | | ORS 743B.250,  OAR 836-053-1030(10) | If a plan includes risk-sharing arrangements with physicians or other providers, must contain a statement to that effect, including a brief description of risk-sharing in general and must notify enrollees that additional information is available upon request. | Page:  Paragraph or Section:    N/A | | | |
| **BENCHMARK PLANS** | | | | | | | |
| **Base benchmark plan** | | OAR 836-053-0012 | All standard plans provide the same benefits as the base benchmark health benefit plan, excluding the 24-month waiting period for transplant benefits. “Base benchmark health benefit plan” means the PacificSource Health Plans Preferred CoDeduct Value 3000 35 70 small group health benefit plan, including prescription drug benefits, as set forth on the Insurance Division website.  Standard plan must follow guidelines as provided in the referenced rule.  **Note:**Additionally, standard plan benefits may not exceed the benchmark plan benefits***.*** | Confirmed | | | |
| **Base benchmark plan**  **(continued)**  **Base benchmark plan**  **(continued)** | | **Standard plan naming convention**  OAR 836-053-0013(4)(a) | The plan name for standard plans must be in the exact naming convention below:  “[Name of Issuer]Standard [Bronze/Silver] Plan”  The name of insurer may be shortened to an easily identifiable acronym that is commonly used by the insurer in consumer facing publications  Include a service area or network identifier in the plan name if the plan is not offered on a statewide basis with a statewide network. | Page:  Paragraph or Section:    N/A | | | |
| **Copays and coinsurance**  OAR 836-053-0013(9) | Copays and coinsurance must comply with the following:   * Non-specialist copays apply to physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy and vision services when these services are provided in connection with an office visit. * Subject to the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008, specialist copays apply to specialty providers including, mental health and substance abuse providers, if and when such providers act in a specialist capacity as determined under the terms of the health benefit plan. * Coinsurance for emergency room coverage must be waived if a patient is admitted. Inpatient coinsurance applies if covered person is admitted. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: | | | |
| **Deductibles**  OAR 836-053-0013(10) | Deductibles must comply with the following;   * For a bronze plan, in accordance with the coinsurance, copayment and deductible amounts and coverage requirements for a bronze plan set forth in the cost-sharing matrix as provided in Exhibit 1 to this rule. * For a silver plan, in accordance with the coinsurance, copayment and deductible amounts and coverage requirements for a silver plan set forth in the cost-sharing matrix as provided in Exhibit 2 to this rule. * The individual deductible applies to all enrollees, and the family deductible applies when multiple family members incur claims. | Page:  Paragraph or Section: | | | |
| **Dollar limits**  OAR 836-053-0013(11) | Annual dollar limits and lifetime dollar limits must be converted to a non-dollar actuarial equivalent. | | Confirmed | | |
| **Prescription drugs**  OAR 836-053-0013(8) | Prescription drug coverage:   * At least one drug in every United States Pharmacopeia (USP) category and class as the prescription drug coverage of the plan described in OAR 836-053-0012(2); or      * The same number of prescription drugs in each category and class as the prescription drug coverage of the plan described in OAR 836-053-0012(2). * Insurers must submit the formulary drug list for review and approval. The formulary drug list must comply with filing requirements posted on the Department of Consumer and Business Services website. * For plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2017 insurers must use a pharmacy and therapeutics committee that complies with the standards set forth in 45 CFR 156.122. | | Confirmed | | |
| **Catastrophic plans** | | ORS 743.826  42 USC 18022(e) | If a carrier offers a catastrophic plan it must be offered on and off the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace and only to an individual who:  (1) Is under 30 years of age at the beginning of the plan year; or  (2) Is exempt from any state or federal penalties imposed for failing to maintain minimal essential coverage during the plan year. | | Page:  Paragraph or Section: | | |
| **Marketplace**  **Bronze, Silver and Gold Standard Plans** | | ORS 743B.130,  OAR 836-053-0013 | If a carrier offers a health benefit plan in Oregon, the carrier must offer a standard bronze plan and a standard silver plan in each market type and service area in which it operates.  In order to participate in the exchange, carriers must also offer a gold standard plan mandated by the Health Insurance Exchange. | | Confirmed | | |
| **Provider network and**  **Provider directory** | | ORS 743B.505,  OAR 836-053-0350,  45 CFR 156.230(b) | A QHP issuer must make its provider directory for a QHP available to the exchange for publication online in accordance with guidance from the exchange and to potential enrollees in hard copy upon request. In the provider directory, a QHP issuer must identify providers that are not accepting new patients. | | Confirmed    N/A | | |
| **Termination rules established by the exchange** | | 45 CFR 155.430,  45 CFR 156.270  (inside exchange only) | The policy complies with termination rules established by the exchange.  If member requests termination, reasonable written notice is provided within 14 days from the requested termination date.  If the QHP terminates a plan for any reason, a minimum notice of 30 days prior to the last day of coverage is required. | | Page:  Paragraph or Section:    N/A | | |
| **Waiting periods** | | ORS 743B.125,  45 CFR 147.116 | Individual coverage waiting periods are prohibited. | | Confirmed | | |