

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY'S HOSPITAL TRANSFORMATION PERFORMANCE PROGRAM THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017

COMMENTS DUE: July 15, 2015

PROPOSAL: The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is proposing to request approval from the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to extend Oregon's Hospital Transformation Performance Program through June 30, 2017. The program began in July 2014, and federal approval is currently due to expire June 30, 2016. The 2015 Oregon Legislative Assembly, however, has extended the program through September 30, 2019; thus, the federal approval is necessary in order to meet Legislative requirements for the next biennium.

The Hospital Transformation Performance Program (HTPP) rewards hospitals for improved performance which the state believes leads to better health care and better health care outcomes for the more than 1.3 million people covered by the Oregon Health Plan (OHP), and for others throughout Oregon. The program complements Oregon's larger health system transformation efforts and supports coordinated health care by facilitating reform in hospitals, a major part of the health care delivery system.

BACKGROUND: Since July 1, 2014, under its 1115 Demonstration, the State has operated a hospital "incentive pool," the HTPP, to issue payments to participating hospitals for adopting initiatives to improve the quality of Oregon's health care system and to measure that improvement. Specific quality metrics were developed by the Hospital Performance Metrics Advisory Committee, OHA, and CMS as a way to measure progress towards the state's health system transformation goals. For more information on the HTPP, go to: <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/analytics/Pages/Hospital-Baseline-Data.aspx>.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016

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