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Since 2007, Oregon has been on a path towards health system transformation. Significant policy and legislative milestones to date include:

The Oregon Health Fund Board's November 2008 blueprint for reforming Oregon's health care system, "Aim High: Building a Healthy Oregon."

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

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

OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY

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

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

OHA Divisions, Office and Programs are:

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

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

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

OREGON HEALTH POLICY BOARD

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

FEDERAL HEALTH REFORM IN OREGON

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

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

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

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