



Oregon 2018 Position Paper

Over 14 million Americans receive home care each year. Home health care brings proven cost savings to health care, promotes better patient outcomes, provides access to the latest therapies and medical technology, and is the patient preferred setting for medical care. Congress should protect and expand access to home health care, eliminate barriers to its provision, and work to expand its use as an effective solution to rising health care costs.

The Oregon Association for Home Care (OAHC), in its effort to preserve access and quality of care in the delivery of home care, has identified the following State priorities for 2018 and beyond.

Oregon Issues

- Actively monitor and support legislative and regulatory measures that are favorable to and promote home care as an integral and valuable, evidence-based model of care in the overall continuum of health care available to all Oregonians.
- Actively engage in rulemaking at the Public Health Division as they work to align state rules with Federal Conditions of Participation.
- Work with state agencies as they develop plans to implement Electronic Visit Verification. Ensure system implemented for in-home care and home health agencies is an open system that allows providers to choose the system that works best for their employees and their patients.
- Advocate for passage of the Interstate Compact to allow MDs to practice across State lines to ensure access to physicians who can perform Face to Face visits and certify plans of care for home health. Explore possibility of allowing for a narrow solution to allow for physicians to order and certify home health services specifically across state lines.
- Advocate for continued biennial reviews of Medicaid home health reimbursement rates.
- Engage with the Oregon Health Authority Home Health Program to ensure open communication to streamline solutions to issues as they happen.
- Advocate for responsible State regulations that do not add barriers to access to care commensurate with issued federal guidelines and limit additional state requirements for home health providers.
- Actively monitor accurate billing and payment for Hospice services for RHC/SIA payments.
- Monitor and engage on burdensome employment requirements and proposals that increase costs for agencies.
- Support legislation and regulations that make in-home care, home health and hospice accessible and streamlined for patients and their families.