

# **PE 44 Proposed Changes 2025-27**

## **School-Linked Programs**

# Overview of School-Linked Projects

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- In Spring 2021, the Oregon legislature passed House Bill 2591 that called for the development of two programs:
  - A pilot program to expand access to mental and physical health care delivered via telehealth from SBHCs to schools that did not have SBHCs (aka School-Linked Telehealth Pilot Program); and
  - A mobile clinic program to deliver health care services to students in schools via a mobile unit (aka School-Linked Mobile Unit Pilot Program)

# Initial Contracting for School-Linked Projects

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- As per HB 2591, eligible grantees for each program were:
  - State-certified School-Based Health Centers were eligible to apply for the School-Linked Telehealth Pilot Program
  - School districts and Educational Service Districts were eligible to apply for the School-Linked Mobile Unit Pilot Program
- Because of this, the School-Linked Telehealth Program was added in to PE 44, as LPHAs were eligible to apply; contracts would be through the PE or grant agreements depending on the grantee
- The School-Linked Mobile program was not added in to PE 44 as LPHAs were not eligible to apply; grantees were school districts via grant agreement

# Current School-Linked Project Grantees

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- School-Linked Telehealth Pilot Program – Current funding for 23-25 biennium is \$150,000 per year for three grantees:
  - La Clinica (Jackson County) – grant agreement
  - Multnomah County – funding via PE 44
  - Orchid Health (Clackamas County) – grant agreement
- School-Linked Mobile Unit Pilot Program – Current funding for 23-25 biennium is \$60,000 per year for three grantees:
  - Hillsboro School District
  - One Community Health (initial contract with Columbia Gorge ESD)
  - Wallace Medical (initial contract with Gresham-Barlow School District)

# Lessons Learned from Implementation

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- Grantees have been working on implementation for the past 3 years.
- Once operational, School-Linked Mobile Grantees requested the health care service provider be the contract holder (not the school district); two of three of those service providers are state certified SBHCs
- Operating costs for School-Linked Mobile Grantees match or exceed the amount provided in initial legislation
- Operating costs for School-Linked Telehealth Grantees are lower than the amount provided in the initial legislation

# Proposed Changes based on Learnings

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- Creating operating criteria for both grant programs
- Creating a funding formula for School-Linked Telehealth Grantees based on the number of operational sites
  - \$30,000 for the first two sites, and \$15,000 for up to an additional four sites (potential total grant award would be \$120,000 per year)
  - With additional monies, intend to open a grant application process Summer/Fall 2025 for School-Linked Projects (both telehealth and mobile as options)
- Modify language of PE 44 for School-Linked Telehealth Grant to include operating criteria and match the grant agreement language
- Add language School-Linked Mobile Grant to PE 44

# Proposed Changes: work done thus far

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- Worked with grantees to create operating criteria based on lessons learned from pilot and from SBHC program
- Presented plan and received approval from grantees to move forward on:
  - Funding formula for School-Linked Telehealth Grant
  - Operating criteria for both grants
  - Contract language for both grant programs

# Proposed Changes: Next Steps

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- If approved by A2CPS, will present to CLHO on May 15<sup>th</sup>
- If approved by CLHO on May 15<sup>th</sup>:
  - Will amend PE 44 in August; those receiving monies via PE 44 will have retroactive application of funding change to July 1
  - Will open grant application process Summer/Fall 2025 for applications for School-Linked Grants (both mobile and telehealth will be options); aim to initiate new contracts Jan 1, 2026



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# Questions?

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