

Young Adults with Special Health Care Needs Provider Guide

This guide is to help Oregon Health Plan (OHP) providers understand the Young Adults with Special Health Care Needs (YSHCN) benefit and covered services for those who qualify.

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Program overview

The Young Adults with Special Health Care Needs (YSHCN) benefit gives Oregon Health Plan (OHP) benefits to eligible young adults age 18 through 21. Examples of qualifying special health care needs include:

- Physical, intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Chronic medical conditions like asthma, diabetes, or spina bifida
- Mental health conditions like depression or substance use disorder

Why YSHCN matters

In Oregon, one in five children under age 18 has a special health care need. Young adults with special health care needs frequently need more health care and health-related social services than others of their age. Changes in insurance coverage can disrupt their access to necessary and appropriate care.

The YSHCN program supports continued health coverage through OHP that:

- Bridges pediatric and adult care.
- Gives YSHCN members more consistent access the primary and specialty care they need.

Eligibility

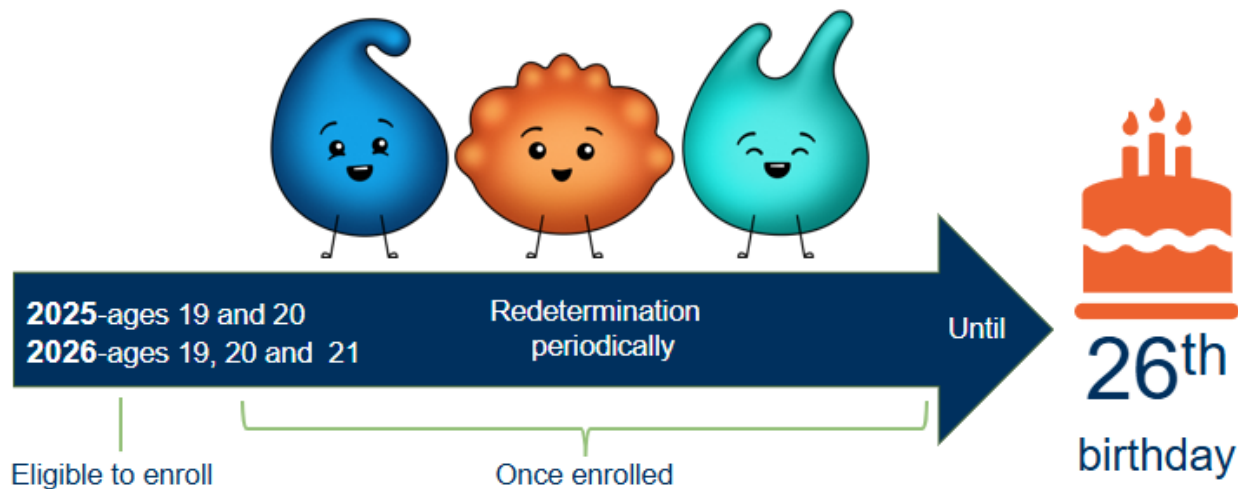
To be eligible for YSHCN benefits, individuals must meet age, clinical and income requirements defined in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 410-200-0455.

- Age: In 2026, eligible members who are 19, 20, and 21 will be enrolled.
- Clinical: YSHCN-eligible individuals must have at least one qualifying health care need that began before age 19 and that continues to impact their health.
- Financial: YSHCN-eligible individuals must have individual or family income at or below 205 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.

Up to date information about program eligibility, including a list of approved conditions, can be found at www.Oregon.gov/YSHCN.

Timeline for program rollout

In 2026, OHA will enroll YSHCN-eligible members aged 19, 20, and 21. Once a member enrolls in the YSHCN program, they will remain an OHP member with YSHCN benefits until their next birthday, as long as their re-assessment confirms continued eligibility. OHA will re-assess YSHCN eligibility periodically.



Benefits

OHP members enrolled in the YSHCN program will receive the following benefits, in addition to the OHP Plus benefit package:

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefits

EPSDT requires covering all EPSDT Medically Necessary and EPSDT Medically Appropriate services (defined in [OAR 410-151-0001](#)) regardless of placement on the Prioritized List of Health Services. This applies to:

- All OHP members under age 21 and
- All OHP members in the YSHCN program.

For specific guidance related to EPSDT, please see the [EPSDT Provider Guide](#). Additional information is available at www.Oregon.gov/EPSDT.

Preventive care guidance for YSHCN Members under EPSDT is forthcoming and will be in the [EPSDT Provider Guide](#).

Enhanced vision and dental coverage

OHP members with YSHCN benefits also have the same enhanced vision and dental benefits that are available to pregnant OHP adults through the OHP Supplemental benefit package and to members under age 21 through the OHP Plus benefit package.

Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN)

Because young adults with special health care needs are disproportionately affected by social determinants of health, YSHCN is an HRSN Covered Population. This means YSHCN members must be screened for HRSN eligibility. If found eligible for HRSN benefits, YSHCN members must receive appropriate HRSN services. Examples of HRSN services include rental assistance, nutrition supports, climate devices, and outreach and engagement services. For more information about HRSN, please visit the [HRSN web page](#).

OHP members with YSHCN benefits should also receive assessment and care coordination services through their coordinated care organization or the OHP Open Card Care Coordination program.

Eligibility verification

OHP members will not receive YSHCN benefits until OHA has identified and enrolled them into the YSHCN program.

To verify YSHCN benefits:

- Providers must check the member's Program Eligibility Resource Code (PERC).
- For members enrolled in a CCO, consult their specific CCO for any additional processes around YSHCN member identification.

Referring members for YSHCN screening

If you think an OHP member you serve may be eligible for the YSHCN program but is not yet enrolled, tell the member or their representative to answer the YSHCN eligibility

screening questions through their ONE Online account at ONE.Oregon.gov or by calling ONE Customer Service at 1-800-699-9075.

Finding YSHCN PERC codes in the MMIS Provider Portal

In the MMIS Provider Portal at <https://www.or-medicaid.gov>, the PERC is displayed in the “Benefit Plan” section of the Eligibility Verification screen (look under “PERC Code”), as shown in the example below:

Benefit Plan					
Benefit Plan	Effective Date	End Date	Remaining Out Of Pocket	Remaining Deductible	PERC Code
BMH - OHP Plus	11/19/2024	11/19/2024		\$0.00	41
CRN - Contract Nursing	11/19/2024	11/19/2024		\$0.00	41
SMHS - State Medicaid Mental Health Services	11/19/2024	11/19/2024		\$0.00	41

YSHCN PERC codes

These codes mean the member is enrolled in the YSHCN program.

23	5C	3H	3T	2C
24	5F	3I	3U	2D
33	5I	3J	3V	41
25	5J	3K	3W	42
3A	5K	3L	3X	43
3B	5L	3M	3Y	44
3C	5M	3N	5B	45
3D	35	3O	3Z	46
3E	36	3P	6A	4F
3G	37	3Q	2A	5A
34	39	3S	2B	

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