

Frequently Asked Questions About Oregon's Integrated Care for Kids

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InCK Update November 2021 from the Oregon Health Authority

OHA and our partners have made the difficult decision to notify the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) that we are going to withdraw from the Integrated Care for Kids (InCK) model in Oregon after 2021. CMMI was notified of our decision in October 2021.

This means that the InCK Model will not be implemented in Oregon. Please see the FAQs below for more information.

Q: Why did Oregon decide to end its participation in InCK?

A: Oregon's original InCK proposal would have used existing state data to assess needs for children and youth and communicate that information to the CCO and care coordinators. Recent CMMI clarifications related to the use of these data would require us to use considerable resources for extensive and prescribed screening and reporting. This means we would not be able to focus our resources on improving, aligning and coordinating services for children across systems. Ultimately, Oregon InCK leaders determined that we would be unable to operationalize our InCK Model in a way that honors the feedback, intent and vision that our partners helped to co-create for Oregon.

Q: Who made the decision to withdraw from InCK?

A: OHA reached this decision in partnership with our Lead Organization, the Oregon Pediatric Improvement Partnership (OPIP) and in consultation with our CCO partner in the InCK region, PacificSource Community Solutions.

Q: When does Oregon's participation in InCK end?

A: Oregon's official end date for InCK is December 31, 2021.

Q: Will aspects of this work continue with other resources?

A: OHA, OPIP and PacificSource all remain committed to improving children's health and taking the lessons learned from InCK and intentionally considering how to support these goals moving forward. OHA, OPIP and PacificSource will each consider how to use information that has been gathered and build off the innovative work that has been completed.

Q: How does this decision impact the population that would have been served by InCK (OHP members aged 0-21 in the five county InCK region)?

A: OHP members in this population should not see any changes to their care as a result of InCK ending in Oregon. InCK was intended to improve care coordination and integration of services for children and youth, but these improvements were still in development and had not yet been implemented when Oregon decided to end its participation in InCK.

Q: How does this decision impact community partners?

A: The initiative was to be implemented in five counties in Oregon: Marion, Polk, Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson Counties. In addition to the key roles played by OPIP and PacificSource, two Partnership Councils were engaged as advisors to our planning process, many members of which were to be implementation partners also. A number of child-serving primary care and behavioral health providers were preparing for implementation in 2022. OHA, OPIP and PacificSource Community Solutions are each evaluating opportunities to continue key aspects of the work and will engage with additional partners accordingly.