

Date: November 8, 2024



Oregon Center for
N U R S I N G

FRIDAY HUDDLE

A gathering of Oregon nursing workforce leaders to offer timely updates and share insights from peers and stakeholders.

Nursing Workforce

Family-Centric Care Planning and Nurse Navigators: Huddlers discussed the importance of engaging families in care planning and recognizing the significant role that loved ones can play in the healing process. Huddlers also shared their personal experiences with healthcare systems' approaches to family-centered care. Barriers to effective family involvement often stem from attitudes and communication gaps amongst employees, with organizations sometimes neglecting to make families feel acknowledged. Creating a welcoming environment, through both interaction and the design of the physical space, was noted as essential. We also explored the role of Nurse Navigators. While this role can be instrumental in supporting patients and families, availability varies. Based on Huddler input, these roles are primarily found in oncology, cardiology, and some specialty surgical programs

National IV Fluid Shortage: A continued shortage of IV fluids has impacted healthcare facilities. The primary manufacturer, Baxter, [provided an update on production](#) and expects to restart a second manufacturing line soon. Product is expected to begin shipping out in late November.

OHP Announces Housing Benefits: Starting in November, Oregonians who receive care under the Oregon Health Plan may qualify for housing benefits. According to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), these benefits can help recipients pay for rent, utilities and storage fees. Additional information about [qualifications and accessing benefits is available online](#).

Public Comment Needed on OHSU-Legacy Merger: As part of its review of the proposed OHSU-Legacy merger, OHA [seeks public commentary on the impending changes](#). There is also an opportunity to join the official community review board. Those interested in participating or submitting comments can reach out via email and phone, or submit commentary using the public online form.

Oregon Office of Rural Health Call for Proposals: The state's Office of Rural Health (ORH) announced a call for proposals for its [Forum on Population Health & Health Equity](#), on May 19-21, 2025, in Seaside, Oregon.

Events & Happenings

Oregon State Board of Nursing Updates: The OSBN will host its November meeting on November 20 and 21, 2024. Those interested can tune in for the live stream via [the OSBN YouTube channel](#). Replays of the sessions will also be available on the platform afterwards. You can also find upcoming Board meetings and other events on [the OSBN website](#).

Oregon Health Policy Board Education Opportunity: Join the Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB) for an educational webinar on Oregon's 2022-2027 1115 Medicaid Waiver on November 19. The webinar will provide an opportunity to dig deeper into health-related social needs eligibility, provider processes, and community capacity building funds. No prior registration is required and [dial-in information can be found on the right sidebar](#) online.

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, November 15, at 8:00 a.m.

[Register Here!](#)

Find OCN Online:

www.oregoncenterfornursing.org

