



Lane County Health & Human Services statement on access to health services for Lane County residents

Lane County Health & Human Services (H&HS) continues to hear questions from local partners about the impacts of federal immigration policy on health services in Oregon. The following statement is intended to inform people in the community about access to health care and the information H&HS reports to federal immigration officers.

Lane County H&HS's mission is to promote and protect the health and wellbeing of individuals, families, and communities, regardless of immigration or refugee status, national origin or religion. Health is the foundation for thriving people, families and communities. When people cannot obtain health care due to lack of coverage, lack of adequate services or fears about immigration enforcement, our communities face greater risk – risks that can come from exposure to untreated disease, the burdens of unaddressed illnesses or added costs of delayed care.

In partnership with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Health & Human Services is committed to ensuring that the health programs and services we administer, fund, license and regulate are welcoming and inclusive for all Oregon residents. In keeping with adopted Board policy and Lane Manual 60.950, H&HS does not condition access to health services for anyone based on immigration status, or report information about immigration to the federal government, except as required by federal and state law.

Health & Human Services protects the privacy of health information and encourages that all residents, including immigrants and refugees, to seek needed health services. Recent federal actions have not required H&HS's health programs to report new or additional information about an individual's immigration or refugee status. All confidentiality and privacy protections provided by state and federal law remain unchanged. If that changes, we will alert the community and our health system partners.