

Date: June 27, 2025



FRIDAY HUDDLE

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

Nursing Workforce

Healthcare System Instability: Federal Medicaid cuts (now halted) would have impacted around 14 percent of Oregon's nursing workforce including 2,000 rural hospital nurses and 4,300 long-term care nurses. Half of Oregon hospitals are up for sale, indicating deeper financial volatility. While nursing jobs may be preserved, support roles are often first to go, affecting nurse workload and wellbeing.

Well-Being Survey: OCN and the Oregon State Board of Nursing survey, which will measure the well-being of Oregon's nurses, closes Sunday night. The survey will measure change since 2022 baseline (which had 5,000 respondents). Survey findings are expected by late August. Take the well-being survey [HERE](#).

Retention Resources: A [webinar from the Health Workforce Technical Assistance Center](#) covers data-driven strategies for nurse retention. This webinar focuses on initiatives suggested by nurses themselves, and is recommended for anyone designing or advocating for retention programs.

EMTALA in Oregon: OHA has released a [clarification on Oregon's EMTALA](#) laws- patients experiencing pregnancy complications will be treated in ERs, regardless of legal ambiguities in other states.

Measles in Oregon: OHA confirmed [2025's first measles case in Oregon](#), when contact tracing revealed exposure on a United flight and at PDX airport. Huddlers discussed the need for clearer organizational vaccine guidance amid distrust in federal sources, and questioned how insurers will choose guidance for vaccine payment.

Events & Happenings

OCN Outstanding Preceptor Event: Nominations for Outstanding Preceptor of 2025 will close on August 6. Be sure to send in your [nominations now!](#) Save the Date: Outstanding Preceptor Awards will take place Sept. 17 as an online event.

OCN Blog Post: [OCN's Wednesday blog post](#) addressed risks of Medicaid cuts. These cuts were ruled out of order by the Parliamentarian, preventing them from advancing in the Senate. Still, financial instability across healthcare systems continues to loom large.

No Huddle 7/4/2025! OCN will send out an email Friday Huddle update.

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, July 11th, at 8:00 a.m.

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