

Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act

In November 2020, Oregon voters passed referendum Measure 110, or the Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act. The measure's stated goal is to establish a more health-based, equitable and effective approach to drug addiction in Oregon by shifting the response to drug possession from criminalization to treatment and recovery.

Measure 110:

- Changes multiple criminal sentencing laws regulating the possession of controlled substances (PCS) and
- Requires the creation of a new fund that will cover the cost of 15 new Addiction Recovery Centers, as well as wraparound services, to be managed by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

Oregon Health Authority's role in implementing Measure 110

The measure requires the Oregon Health Authority to establish:

- A Treatment and Recovery Services fund, financed with marijuana revenues, which would support new Addiction Recovery Centers (ARCs) with the balance available for Community Access to Care grants.
- A temporary 24/7 ARC hotline by Feb. 1, 2021.
- 24/7 Addiction Recovery Centers (ARCs) throughout the state by Oct. 1, 2021.
- A grants program that will support the ARCs.
- An Oversight and Accountability Council to oversee the distribution of the grants by Feb. 1, 2021.

OHA will provide technical, logistical and all other necessary supports to the Council.

Funding impacts on OHA

Measure 110 will reduce the amount of marijuana revenue allocated to the OHA Mental Health, Alcoholism and Drug Services Account. Options to offset impacts on current service delivery are currently being discussed.

OHA's recommended actions for measure implementation

- Ensure Measure 110's intervention supports and services are integrated into the broader behavioral health and healthcare systems so participants have access to a continuum of care that meets their needs and improves healthcare and public safety outcomes.
- Ensure robust participation in program design and oversight by consumers and representatives from BIPOC and tribal communities.
- Work with the Governor's office and legislature to ensure shifts in OHA marijuana funding do not result in disruptions to existing services.
- Use marijuana funds only to purchase services and supports that have no other funding means.

