

Dental care for more COFA citizens in Oregon



COFA citizens who do not get dental care from Oregon Health Plan (OHP) have a new way to get free care.

- For COFA citizens who qualify, dental care will start January 1, 2023.
- Apply at [ONE.Oregon.gov](https://www.oregon.gov) starting November 1, 2022.

Starting January 1, 2023, if you are a COFA citizen, and you do not get dental health care through full OHP Plus (medical, behavioral, and dental health), you may be able to get dental care through OHP's new COFA Dental Program.

You can apply for this program starting November 1, 2022.

What kind of care can you get with the COFA Dental Program?

COFA Dental Program has the same dental care as OHP Plus, like:

- Teeth cleanings
- Dental crowns
- Emergency dental care
- Dental care for mouth pain

This is just some dental care that COFA Dental Program members can get.

[Learn more about OHP dental benefits](#)

This care is free. You do not need to pay for dental care covered by the COFA Dental Program.

How can COFA Dental Program members get dental care?

If approved for the COFA Dental Program, members will be enrolled in a Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) within 1-2 weeks. The CCO will help members get dental care. [Learn more about CCOs](#).

If a member needs to access dental care before their CCO enrollment starts, they should contact KEPRO, OHP's nurse advise line, at 1-800-562-4620. [View their online provider directory here](#).

Who can apply for the COFA Dental Program?

If you are a COFA citizen who:

- Lives in Oregon; and

- Does not already have health care through the Oregon Health Plan (OHP)

Then you should apply for the COFA Dental Program.

The COFA Dental Program has rules about who can sign up, and these rules can be hard to understand. There are also income requirements. The best way to know if you can get on the COFA Dental Program is to apply.

To apply for the COFA Dental Program, you need to apply for OHP. You will be screened for full OHP Plus benefits first.

How to apply for the COFA Dental Program

The application for the COFA Dental Program is free. To apply, you can:

Apply online:

- Go to [ONE.Oregon.gov](https://one.oregon.gov) to login or create an account.
- Fill out an application for the Oregon Health Plan.
- This application is in English and Spanish.

Paper application:

You can get a paper application in English and other languages by going online to [OHP.Oregon.gov/Apply](https://ohp.oregon.gov/Apply)

- Download and print a paper application in [English](#), [Palauan](#), [Pohnpeian](#), or [Kosrean](#)
- Call OHP Customer Service at **1-800-699-9075** to get a paper application mailed to you.

In person:

You can get help with the online or paper application by connecting with an OHP community partner at bit.ly/ohplocalhelp. Tell them that you want to apply for the COFA Dental Program.

Need help?

For questions about the program or to check the status of an application, you can call OHP Customer Service at **1-800-699-9075**.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Who are COFA citizens?

COFA citizens are from:

- The Federated States of Micronesia,
- The Republic of the Marshall Islands, and
- The Republic of Palau.

COFA citizens are free to travel, work, and live in the United States through a Compact of Free Association (COFA) with the U.S. government.

Why does the application say that I am applying for the Oregon Health Plan not the COFA Dental Program?

The COFA Dental Program is offered through the Oregon Health Plan.

Do I need to pay to sign up?

No, you do not need to pay anything to apply for the COFA Dental Program.

Can I apply for the COFA Dental Program for my parents or grandparents?

Please talk to OHP Customer Service or an OHP Community Partner.

What if I don't get accepted for the COFA Dental Program?

There may be other programs that you can sign up for to get dental care, like through the Veteran Dental Program. Please talk to OHP Customer Service or an OHP Community Partner.

- [Read about the Veteran Dental Program](#)

Why is this happening?

[Senate Bill 1538 \(2022\)](#) directs the Oregon Health Authority to establish a dental program for COFA citizens who do not qualify for full OHP.

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