

## Healthier Oregon Program Introduction Comments and Responses

Comments indicated it was unclear how to handle people who participated in the Non-Citizenship pilot project.

Response: Edits were made to help clarify. Participants in the pilot will need to apply using the updated application form and have a DD eligibility determination made based on it, and be provided a Notice of Eligibility and NOPA in the event of being determined ineligible. Participants would not have received a notice of eligibility previously as the policy and rules precluded eligibility based on some non-citizen status and a current notice should be issued to coincide with current practices. Previous decisions made based on rules in place at the time stand. NOPAs based on non-citizenship should not be rescinded.

A commenter suggested adding something about a future expansion of the program to cover all ages.

Response: When the decision is made to expand the program, additional communication will come at that time.

Commenters noted it will be a challenge for CMEs to track people turning 26, especially if the HOP case descriptor in eXPRS does not change at that time.

Response: After posting the draft policy, there was a change that will permit people turning 26 to continue services assuming they continue to meet eligibility requirements of the Healthier Oregon program.