

Action Request Transmittal Aging and People with Disabilities



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Issue date: 6/15/2022

Topic: Other

Due date:

Subject: Oregon Project Independence (OPI) - Citizenship Waived Medical (CWM) to Healthier Oregon conversion

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: Types A and B | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Action required: CWM members who are receiving OPI services and are between the ages of 19-25 and 55 and older have been notified that they will move to Healthier Oregon, which includes full Oregon Health Plan benefits, starting July 1, 2022.

Please visit the [Healthier Oregon website](#) to learn more about this program. Staff will receive additional information in future transmittals.

In preparation for this automatic change, OPI and APD offices will need to assist in the transition from OPI to Medicaid Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) or State Plan Personal Care (SPPC), as individuals receiving OPI services are not able to also receive benefits under Healthier Oregon.

OPI offices will receive a list of affected individuals with the release of this transmittal.

OPI case manager steps (including Type A and B AAAs):

1. OPI case managers will contact individuals on the list and explain that their CWM benefits will automatically convert to OHP effective July 1, 2022.
2. Case managers will also need to explain that OPI and OHP are not compatible benefits, so the individual will be referred to an APD office (as appropriate) to receive services from that office. This is a high priority request and all CWM to

Healthier Oregon transition discussions must be completed by June 17, 2022.

3. After having the discussion, OPI case managers must narrate and email OPI.Policy@dhsosha.state.or.us that the individual was contacted.
4. End the OPI service plan and close OPI services effective July 2, 2022.
5. Type A AAA offices or contracted partners with Multnomah County must transfer the Oregon ACCESS case to the local APD office.

Central Office steps:

1. Once Central Office receives notification that the individual was contacted and informed of the conversion to Healthier Oregon, a SPPC assessment will be completed based on their current CA/PS.
2. APD/type B AAA office will be notified that a SPPC assessment has been completed. Until the ONE conversion to Healthier Oregon is completed, staff will not be able to create vouchers.

APD case manager steps (including type B AAAs):

1. The assigned case manager will need to create a service plan in Oregon ACCESS, effective July 3, 2022, once the Healthier Oregon benefit is available in ONE (which is anticipated to be viewable by June 27, 2022 in either ONE or Oregon ACCESS). When creating a benefit in Oregon ACCESS, use the BPA benefit for individuals receiving non-MAGI medical, and BPO benefit for individuals receiving MAGI medical.
2. The service plan will need to end at the same date as when the OPI benefit was scheduled to end.
3. All provider authorizations will need to occur ASAP to avoid any disruption in services.
4. See additional information regarding OPI and Medicaid Eligibility – post ONE in [APD-AR-22-002](#) if the consumer does not meet SPPC or Medicaid LTSS eligibility when a new assessment is completed.

NOTE: ONE will automatically transition eligible CWM individuals to Healthier Oregon. If an assessment/benefit has been updated in Oregon ACCESS before the automated transition takes place, ONE will consider that service benefit when evaluating eligibility.

Reason for action:

- CWM members who are 19-25 and 55 and older will move to full Oregon Health Plan benefits starting July 1, 2022.
- OPI consumers cannot receive OHP benefits.

Field/stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by: Operations Review

If you have any questions about this action request, contact:

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