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Memorandum

To: Oregon Health Plan providers

From: Jewel Kallstrom, Integrated Eligibility Policy director

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Subject: BCCTP Updates Related to Federal Changes

The federal government requires changes to the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) due to House Resolution 1 (HR1) and other federal guidance. While there are additional changes to other OHP programs, this memo discusses three changes that will affect the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program (BCCTP):

- Noncitizen changes,
- Retroactive coverage, and
- Healthier Oregon transition to Open Card.

Noncitizen changes

As of Oct. 1, 2026, some people will no longer meet the federal immigration status requirements for Medicaid. This includes people with refugee, asylee, and humanitarian parolee status. In Oregon, we're able to shift current members, including those in the BCCTP, to OHP's Healthier Oregon program. For future BCCTP applicants:

- Providers who determine presumptive eligibility for BCCTP should review the new [BCCTP Quick Guide to Citizen and Non-Citizen Eligibility](#) to determine if an individual has a qualifying immigration status. This guide is now linked in the updated [BCCTP Application and Referral Form](#) (OHA 1463).

- If someone does not have a qualifying immigration status but meets all other BCCTP criteria, individuals can still qualify for BCCTP.
 - OHP will place them in the appropriate category when the presumptive application is received.
 - Note: Once presumptive eligibility is established, OHP mails the individual a full application, which must be returned by the requested due date, so an evaluation for all OHP programs can be performed.

To learn more about this change read the [fact sheet about transitions to Healthier Oregon](#). Additional materials in more languages will be available at OHP.Oregon.gov/Toolkit.

Healthier Oregon transition to Open Card

Starting Jan. 1, 2027, Healthier Oregon members will transition to OHP Open Card. This means any individual who is eligible for BCCTP via Healthier Oregon will no longer be in a coordinated care organization (CCO).

- Providers serving these members must bill OHA, not a CCO, for the services they provide.
- Providers should verify a member's coverage is active per OAR 410-120-1140 and can learn more on the [OHP Eligibility Verification](#) web page.
- Providers can verify their enrollment in Open Card and/or enroll on the [OHP Provider Enrollment page](#).

To learn more about this change, [read the member fact sheet about transitions to OHP Open Card](#).

Retroactive coverage

Another change will happen on Jan. 1, 2027: OHP will no longer be able to cover three months of unpaid medical bills (also called "retroactive medical") for newly eligible members. For BCCTP, new members will get up to two months of unpaid medical bills covered through OHP.

To learn more about upcoming federal changes, visit OHP.Oregon.gov/HR1.

What should you do?

Providers who determine presumptive eligibility for BCCTP should use the **updated** [BCCTP Application and Referral Form](#) (OHA 1463) when assessing potential BCCTP eligibility. This form now includes:

- The new [BCCTP Quick Guide to Citizen and Non-Citizen Eligibility](#) to determine if an individual has a qualifying immigration status.
- A provider email address field
- A new question, “Does the health insurance cover treatment of the breast or cervical cancer (or pre-cancerous condition)?” Individuals cannot qualify for BCCTP if they have other health insurance that covers treatment of the breast or cervical cancer.
- OHP’s mailing address as a way to submit the application.

[The BCCTP page](#) includes the BCCTP presumptive application in multiple languages.

Providers can further support in the following ways:

- Urge OHP members to update their contact information.
- Encourage people to watch for mail and notices from OHP, then respond timely.
- Encourage recommended care, like annual well visits and follow-up appointments.
- Submit claims promptly to help avoid claims lag.
- If it applies to your practice, verify you accept OHP Open Card or learn how to enroll by visiting the [OHP Provider Enrollment web page](#) so that you can keep seeing your patients who move to Healthier Oregon in January 2027.

Please visit our [OHP Provider Resources website](#) for information on OHP enrollment, billing guidelines, reimbursement rates, accessing the provider portal and more.

Questions?

- **BCCTP eligibility questions:** Contact ONE Customer Service at 800-699-9075 (TTY 711). Ask for the BCCTP team.
- **BCCTP billing rule questions:** Contact Medicaid Programs at medicaid.programs@odhsosha.oregon.gov.

- **Open Card billing questions:** Contact Provider Services at DMAP.Providerservices@odhsoha.oregon.gov or 800-336-6016 (option 5).