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**To:** OHP-Certified Community Partners

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**Subject:** Community Partners can now perform Presumptive Eligibility determinations during the COVID-19 pandemic, effective immediately

Effective immediately and until further notice, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the Department of Human Services (DHS) are allowing current OHP-certified community partners to perform Presumptive Eligibility determinations for temporary Oregon Health Plan (OHP) coverage as follows:

- Individuals interested in completing Presumptive Eligibility applications must have an active assister ID.
- Upon completing training, they may enroll applicants using the same forms that hospitals use.
- The [same process changes identified for Hospital Presumptive Eligibility sites](#) apply to community partner sites.

### What is Presumptive Eligibility (PE)?

The Affordable Care Act allows states to qualify certain entities to determine “presumed” (or “likely”) eligibility for some OHP programs based on a quick screening of primary eligibility factors. PE is temporary coverage and requires that a person complete a full application if they want benefits to continue beyond the temporary period. For eligible individuals, PE can sometimes allow coverage to start more quickly than waiting for a full application to be processed.

### Why is this happening?

As part of Oregon’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic and current social distancing requirements, OHA is making these changes to allow maximum flexibility in helping Oregonians to secure critical medical coverage, and to help reduce non-medical public use of hospitals during this time.

### What should you do?

Assisters should complete the two DHS|OHA pre-recorded trainings and post-training quiz at [bit.ly/ohp-hpe](http://bit.ly/ohp-hpe). Once this is done, they are considered qualified and may use the new process. Whenever possible, please have applicants complete a full OHP application via the ONE Applicant Portal before using this new PE process.

### Questions?

If you have any questions, contact your Regional Outreach Coordinator or [community.outreach@dhsaha.state.or.us](mailto:community.outreach@dhsaha.state.or.us).

Thank you for the important work you are doing during this critical time to support the Oregon Health Plan and our members.