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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. 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.

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