

Background:

In July 2017, the Oregon State Legislature passed SB 558; in August 2017 it was signed into law by Governor Kate Brown. The new law officially takes effect January 1, 2018.

SB 558 does two things:

- 1) Opens up the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) to include more children and teens, regardless of immigration status.
- 2) Requires DHS/OHA to convene an external stakeholder workgroup to advise on culturally and linguistically appropriate outreach and marketing in order to maximize enrollment.

Eligibility:

The population newly eligible for OHP includes immigrant children and teens who:

- Are younger than 19
- Live in households with incomes up to and including 305% FPL
- Reside in Oregon
- Have Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) or undocumented status
- Were previously only eligible for CAWEM or CAWEM Plus (emergency Medicaid)

All other OHP eligibility criteria for those younger than 19 remain the same.

Application and enrollment:

Starting January 1, 2018, newly eligible children and teens can apply for OHP:

- With the help of an OHP-certified Community Partner. You can find one at www.OHPnowCOVERsme.org;
- Online through the Oregon Eligibility (ONE) Applicant Portal (AP) at ONE.Oregon.gov;
- Using a fillable PDF (OHP 7210W), available at OHP.Oregon.gov;
- Using a paper application (OHP 7210), available in local DHS offices or by calling OHP Customer Service at 800-699-9075; or
- Over the phone through OHP Customer Service.

Children and teens enrolling in January and February 2018 will be on fee-for-service (FFS, or “open card”) OHP. Starting March 5, 2018, they will be enrolled into a local coordinated care organization (CCO). CCO enrollment will be managed per the typical auto-assignment process.

To learn more:

Visit www.OHPnowCOVERsme.org for additional information. Questions may also be directed to Josie Silverman-Méndez, josie.j.silverman@dhsaha.state.or.us.