

Some adult non-citizens moving to Healthier Oregon



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What is happening?

Oregon offers full OHP benefits to people who meet income and other rules regardless of their immigration status. People who do not meet the federal immigration status requirements for Medicaid receive a category of OHP called Healthier Oregon. Changes to the federal immigration status rules will mean about 7,000 adults who have certain immigration statuses will move to Healthier Oregon from other categories of OHP on October 1, 2026. Unlike in other states, people will not lose OHP due to this change.

This will affect adults with the following immigration statuses:

- Refugee
- Asylum granted
- Canadian-born First Nations, and enrolled members of a US Indian tribe born outside the United States who do not have Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) status
- Humanitarian parolees, including:
 - Parole granted for at least one year
 - Afghan nationals granted parole between 7/31/2021 and 9/30/2023

- Ukrainian nationals granted parole between 2/24/2022 and 9/30/2024
- Survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking
 - Victim of Human Trafficking or family member (T-visa)
 - Abused spouses, children, or parents (approved or pending prima facie determination)
- Amerasian-Vietnamese (a person born in Vietnam during in 1962-1975 to a US Citizen father, or their spouse, mother, or child)

Another federal change will require all Healthier Oregon members, including people with the above immigration statuses, to move from Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) to the OHP Open Card on January 1, 2027. OHP Open Card has the same covered benefits, but the health care providers that members can see may be different. To learn more about these changes visit <https://OHP.Oregon.gov/HR1>

What do you need to do if you are affected?

You do not need to do anything due to the move to Healthier Oregon in October. You should prepare for the move to Open Card in January.

Please keep your information up to date. You can report changes to OHP by visiting <https://Benefits.Oregon.gov> or calling 800-699-9075 to update your information. You can also get help from a local certified OHP assister. Find one at <https://OregonHealthCare.gov/GetHelp>

To prepare for the transition to Open Card on January 1, you should ask your current health care providers if they accept OHP Open Card. If they do not, please use the provider search tool at <https://OHPOpenCard.org> to find providers that accept Open Card. After January 1, 2027, you can contact the Open Card help line at 800-562-4620 for help finding providers. If you have questions about the transition, OHP benefits, or billing, call OHP Client Services at 800-273-0557 or email Ask.OHP@odhsosha.oregon.gov