
Hospital Presumptive Eligibility

Review and background information
The hospital's role



What is HPE?

- A fast, easy way for Oregonians to apply for temporary Oregon Health Plan coverage
- Hospitals make immediate eligibility determinations based on answers about:
 - Family size
 - Income
 - Oregon residence
 - Citizenship status
 - Other health coverage, including prior HPE coverage

HPE as a path to full OHP coverage

- The hospital gives help or resources for applicants to complete the full OHP application.
- If the hospital approves someone, the temporary coverage:
 - Starts on the approval date and ends no later than the last day of the following month.
 - Covers all OHP services, except for labor and delivery.
 - Allows the applicant to get care right away, without waiting for OHA to approve the full OHP application.

What do hospitals do?

- Identify people who may qualify for OHP
 - Anyone can come in and apply, even if they aren't patients at the hospital.
- Make immediate determinations for temporary OHP coverage
- Give applicants:
 - An approval or denial notice
 - A copy of their HPE application
 - An OHP application packet
 - Help or information on how to get help applying for OHP
- Keep records of all determinations for three years
- Report all determinations quarterly to OHA

Accuracy is important!

- 90% of the time, the hospital's determinations must be correct about:
 - The applicant not having current OHP coverage
 - Retro-enrollment is considered
 - The applicant not having had HPE coverage within the past 12 months
- 90% of people approved for temporary coverage must receive a full application and help/resources completing the application.
- 90% of people approved for temporary coverage who complete a full application must turn out to be eligible for full OHP coverage.

Correcting hospital performance

- If standards aren't met, OHA will work with hospitals to develop a corrective action plan.
- Continued performance below OHA standards may disqualify a hospital from performing as an HPE determination site.

Learn more on the OHA website

- Visit www.oregon.gov/OHA/HSD/OHP/Pages/HPE.aspx
 - Apply to become a participating hospital
 - Find participating hospitals