
Presumptive Eligibility for Qualified Community Partners in response to the COVID-19 emergency

Review and background information

<http://bit.ly/ohp-hpe>

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What is Hospital Presumptive Eligibility (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
- <http://bit.ly/ohp-hpe>

What is Presumptive Eligibility (PE)?

- During the COVID-19 emergency period, OHA is allowing the option for OHP-Certified Community Partners to determine Presumptive Eligibility similar to the way hospitals do.
- Application Assistants may opt to become Qualified PE Partners by taking the PE training and passing a quiz.
- Qualified Partners will use the same forms hospitals currently use, so forms will all have references to HPE or hospitals. On the forms:
 - “Hospital” = “Community Partner Organization”
 - “Hospital Staff” = “Qualified PE Partner” (you!)
- The HPE process at hospitals continues to exist. If you are hospital staff, you must follow HPE guidelines on the HPE website:
<http://bit.ly/ohp-hpe>

When to use PE?

- ***Is the applicant able to apply using ONE?***

ONE is expected to be the quickest path to coverage for most people during the COVID-19 emergency period and is the preferable method of application.

- ***Examples of when you might choose PE instead of ONE:***

- ONE or your internet connection are down
- ONE will not work for that client's application
 - I.e.: Client does not have coverage but is on an active case
- A ONE application does not result in a determination (e.g. Case/Worker Review, or other inability to complete the application)
- Client is unable to complete the intake (e.g. medically unstable)
- Partner is unable to complete the intake (e.g. partner workload)

PE as a path to full OHP coverage

- For long term OHP coverage, a full application must be submitted.
- Temporary coverage timeline once approved for PE:
 - PE starts on the approval date. It ends on the last day of the following month, or on the date OHP makes the full determination, whichever comes first.
- A few notes. PE:
 - Covers all OHP services, except for labor and delivery.
 - Allows the applicant to get care right away, without waiting for DHS to approve the full OHP application.
 - PE is determined for one individual per form. If more household members need coverage, help them apply via ONE or to submit their own PE applications.

What do PE Qualified Partners do?

- Identify people who may qualify for OHP
 - Anyone can apply.
 - Get a signed Consent Form (verbal consent ok during Covid-19 emergency period)
- Make immediate determinations for temporary OHP coverage
- Provide applicants:
 - An approval or denial notice
 - A copy of their PE application
 - An OHP application packet
 - Help or information on how to get help applying for OHP
 - Mail or securely email the forms if unable to provide in person
- Keep records of all determinations for six years
- Find HPE forms here: <http://bit.ly/ohp-hpe>

Accuracy is important!

- OHA monitors PE applications for accuracy.
- If issues in accuracy arise we will contact you to make corrections.
- A qualified partner's ability to do presumptive determinations will be removed if accuracy challenges are not corrected.

To get started with PE Qualification:

- Ensure your supervisor approves you to perform this work on behalf of your organization.
- If you are a Certified OHP Assister with an Active Assister ID, you may become a Qualified Presumptive Eligibility Partner by taking the training and passing the quiz.
- All forms, training links, and quiz can be found on the HPE site. Visit <http://bit.ly/ohp-hpe>

Questions? Contact your Regional Outreach Coordinator or contact our team at Community.Outreach@dhsosha.state.or.us