

Oregon Health Care Interpreter Program Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Financial Assistance

- 1) **Does Oregon Health Authority (OHA) provide financial assistance for Health Care Interpreters (HCIs) interested in enrolling in a 60 hour health care interpreter training?**

Currently, there is no financial assistance available. However, beginning in Spring 2015 (tentative start date), OHA Office of Equity & Inclusion will start HCI Learning Collaboratives to provide support for the training and testing of HCIs interested in becoming qualified or certified.

- 2) **Can I be reimbursed for the 60 hour health care interpreter training I just paid for?**

No, unfortunately OHA cannot provide direct reimbursement to any individuals for completed HCI trainings or tests.

- 3) **How many people will receive financial assistance for the HCI training?**

The grant funds we received do not allow us to pay any individuals directly. We will work with training programs to provide training for up to 150 HCIs by September 30, 2016.

- 4) **I have already completed the 60 hour HCI training and I plan to take the written and oral certification tests; is there financial assistance available for testing?**

The grant funds we received do not allow us to pay any individuals directly. However, beginning in Spring 2015 (tentative start date), OHA will be starting the HCI Learning Collaboratives, which includes certification tests.

- 5) **How can I enroll in the HCI Learning Collaborative?**

Email OHA Office of Equity & Inclusion at hci.program@state.or.us to express your interest in the upcoming HCI Learning Collaboratives or testing opportunities.

- 6) **Is anyone who is interested in the learning collaborative able to participate?**

The HCI Learning Collaborative is limited to 150 HCIs. These HCIs will be chosen based on the need for qualified & certified HCIs throughout the state.

- 7) **I submitted a scholarship application in 2013; do I still need to contact OHA to be considered for financial assistance?**

Yes, it is recommended that you email OHA Office of Equity & Inclusion at hci.program@state.or.us to express your interest in the upcoming HCI Learning Collaboratives or testing opportunities.

- 8) **How will I know if I have been chosen to participate in the HCI learning collaborative?**

If you are chosen to participate in an upcoming HCI Learning Collaborative a representative from OHA Office of Equity & Inclusion will contact you.