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# RHEA Coverage of Female Sterilization

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# Key terms

- **Female sterilization:** procedure to permanently prevent women from becoming pregnant (tubal ligation or tubal implant).
- **CAWEM:** emergency-only Medicaid for individuals who would be eligible for OHP if not for their immigration status.
- **CAWEM Plus:** full benefit Medicaid coverage for pregnant women ineligible for OHP because of their immigration status. Coverage ends the day after pregnancy ends.
- **RHEA:** Reproductive Health Equity Act (HB 3391) passed in 2017.
  - Extends full medical coverage, including female sterilization, 60-days postpartum for women enrolled in CAWEM Plus
  - Provides coverage for reproductive health services, including female sterilization, for ‘individuals who can become pregnant and would be eligible for full Medicaid if not for their immigration status’

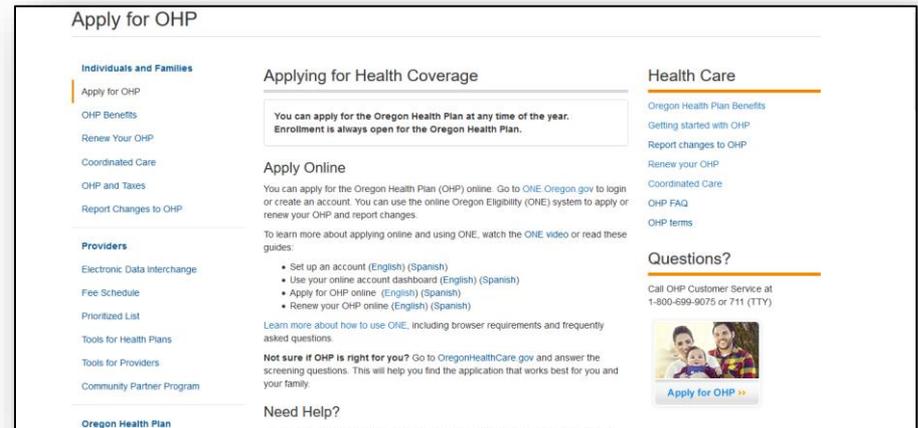
# Postpartum female sterilization: CAWEM Plus

- Women enrolled in CAWEM Plus may access female sterilization services immediately postpartum (same hospital stay) or within 60-days postpartum
- No prior authorization required
- Sterilization consent must be obtained at least 30-days prior to the procedure (per [OAR 41-130-0580](#))
  - [OHP Consent Form](#) or [Federal Consent Form](#)
- Providers bill OHA fee-for-service (same as billing for OHP open card members)



# Female sterilization: CAWEM

- Coverage for ‘individuals who can become pregnant and would be eligible for full Medicaid if not for their immigration status’
  - Includes DACA recipients, individuals with less than 5 years lawful permanent resident status, and individuals with no documentation
- Must complete OHP application and be determined eligible for CAWEM
  - To find an OHP-certified community partner for assistance in applying, go to [OregonHealthCare.gov](https://www.OregonHealthCare.gov) or call OHP Customer Service 800-699-9075



The screenshot displays the 'Apply for OHP' page on the Oregon Health Plan website. The page is organized into three main columns. The left column contains a navigation menu with categories: 'Individuals and Families' (including Apply for OHP, OHP Benefits, Renew Your OHP, Coordinated Care, OHP and Taxes, and Report Changes to OHP), 'Providers' (including Electronic Data Interchange, Fee Schedule, Prioritized List, Tools for Health Plans, Tools for Providers, and Community Partner Program), and 'Oregon Health Plan'. The middle column, titled 'Applying for Health Coverage', features a prominent message: 'You can apply for the Oregon Health Plan at any time of the year. Enrollment is always open for the Oregon Health Plan.' Below this, the 'Apply Online' section explains that users can apply for OHP online via the Oregon Eligibility (ONE) system and provides a list of helpful links: 'Set up an account (English) (Spanish)', 'Use your online account dashboard (English) (Spanish)', 'Apply for OHP online (English) (Spanish)', and 'Renew your OHP online (English) (Spanish)'. It also includes a note about browser requirements and a 'Need Help?' section. The right column, titled 'Health Care', lists various services like 'Oregon Health Plan Benefits', 'Getting started with OHP', 'Report changes to OHP', 'Renew your OHP', 'Coordinated Care', 'OHP FAQ', and 'OHP terms'. A 'Questions?' section provides the OHP Customer Service contact information (1-800-699-9075 or 711 TTY) and a small image of a family with the text 'Apply for OHP'.

# Female sterilization: CAWEM

- Do not need a referral from an RH Program provider to access female sterilization services
- Covered female sterilization services under CAWEM include:

Sterilization counseling visit (*\*effective November 2018*)

Pre-operative consult and labs (part of global surgical package)

Sterilization procedure (part of global surgical package)

Post-operative follow-up visit (part of global surgical package)

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# What can you do?

- Identify providers/entities in your community
  - [County Community Profiles](#)
- Reach out to providers/develop relationships
  - Draft template
  - Google doc – [Female sterilization provider/entity list](#)

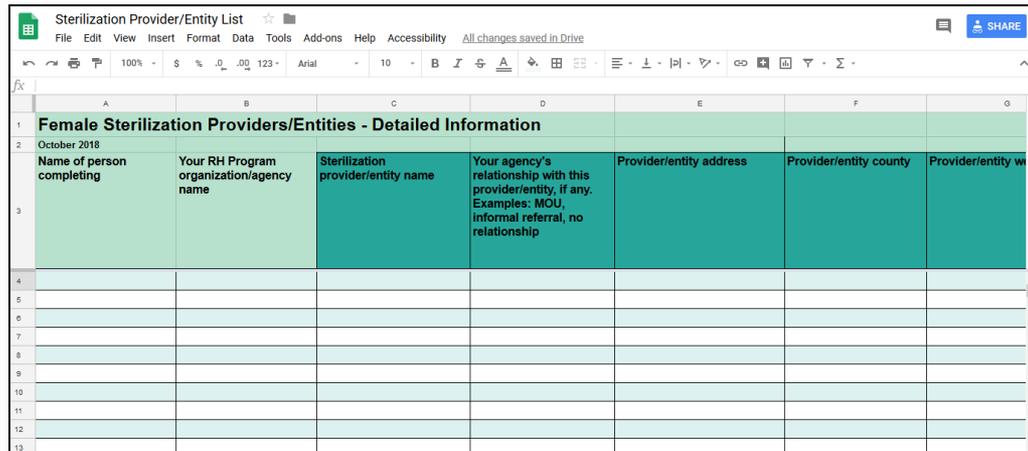


Assorted Providers (including Tubal Ligations)

<a href="#">Accent on Women's Health</a> 2640 NW Stewart Parkway, Ste. #240 Roseburg, OR 97471 541-677-4427 Screenwise-enrolling, Tubal Ligations	<a href="#">Roseburg Women's Healthcare</a> 1813 W Harvard Avenue., Ste. #542 Roseburg, OR 97471 541-464-6464 Tubal ligations
<a href="#">Excellence in Women's Healthcare</a> 2564 NW Edenbower Blvd., Ste. #134 Roseburg, OR 97471 541-492-2350 Tubal Ligations	<a href="#">CHI Mercy Health</a> Mercy Medical Center 2700 NW Stewart Parkway Roseburg, OR 97471 541-673-0611

Urology/Vasectomy

<a href="#">Oregon Urology Institute</a> 341 NW 11th Street, Ste. 1000
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Female Sterilization Providers/Entities - Detailed Information						
Name of person completing	Your RH Program organization/agency name	Sterilization provider/entity name	Your agency's relationship with this provider/entity, if any. Examples: MOU, informal referral, no relationship	Provider/entity address	Provider/entity county	Provider/entity website

# What can you do?

- Assist clients with completing if OHP application if not already enrolled in CAWEM
- Work with clients to coordinate/navigate care
- Other ideas?



# Next steps for RH Program

- Provide you with template language and Google doc spreadsheet
- Continue to work with Health Systems Division (CAWEM) to ensure accurate information is communicated to providers, clients, and community partners
- Reach out to providers and health systems to promote awareness and understanding of new coverage
- Establish a few key direct contracts with providers/entities
  - CAWEM <138% FPL versus RH Program <250% FPL

# Other coverage

- Female sterilization services
  - Oregon Health Plan
  - Private insurance
- Vasectomy services
  - Reproductive Health Program/Oregon Vasectomy Project
  - Oregon Health Plan
  - Private insurance (required coverage January 2019 per RHEA)



# Questions/contact

- OHP Provider Services 1-800-336-6016
- RH Program
  - [rh.program@state.or.us](mailto:rh.program@state.or.us)
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