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New OHP Standard reservation list is open for low-income adults

The Oregon Health Plan (OHP) provides health care coverage for low-income Oregonians through programs administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS). Currently, more than 450,000 people receive health care coverage through the Oregon Health Plan each month. OHP clients are assigned to a benefit package based on several eligibility factors. OHP Standard is one of the benefit packages for low-income adults.

OHP Standard provides coverage for medical services similar to private insurance. Some clients with OHP Standard receive coverage at no cost while those with higher incomes must pay small monthly premiums.

Previously closed to new enrollment due to budget restrictions, the Oregon legislature approved the expansion of OHP Standard to cover more people through a tax paid by Oregon hospitals and matching federal dollars. Unfortunately, there is still not enough money to cover all the people who need health care coverage and qualify for OHP Standard. Therefore, DHS is using a reservation list for people who are interested in applying for OHP Standard.

People interested in applying for OHP Standard benefits must place their names on the OHP Standard reservation list, which opened November 1, 2009.

DHS will randomly select names from the list on a regular basis and mail OHP Standard applications to those people. The number of names selected will depend on the amount of funding available for OHP Standard.

Who qualifies for OHP Standard?

People who qualify for OHP Standard are Oregon residents with limited income who are:

- Ages 19 through 64;
- Not pregnant; and
- Not receiving Medicare.

Getting on the reservation list is easy

Individuals can put their own names on the list or have someone do it for them, using one of the following methods:

- Sign up online at www.oregon.gov/DHS/open/;
- Mail or fax a request to DHS. Forms are available at all DHS/AAA offices, county health departments and most hospitals and clinics; or
- Call 1-800-699-9075, or 711 (TTY) Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Other programs are open for enrollment

Only OHP Standard requires a reservation list process. The Oregon Healthy Kids Plan, OHP Plus and other medical assistance programs have different eligibility requirements and are open for enrollment. OHP Applications can be completed at any time even if individuals have their name on the OHP Standard reservation list. To apply:

- Request an application by phone at 1-800-359-9517 or 711 (TTY);
- Pick up an application at a local DHS branch office – for locations, call 1-800-699-9075 or 711 (TTY); or
- Complete the online application at <https://apps.state.or.us/mbs>.

Stay informed!

Visit the OHP Standard reservation list Web page at www.oregon.gov/DHS/open to stay updated on the reservation and application process. Users can download awareness materials, such as brochures and posters, from this site as well.