Draft Proposed Changes to COFA Premium Assistance Program
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Review and, Approval of COFA Premium Assistance Program Application by the Department; Waiting List

The department shall:

(1) Review and process applications in the order they are received;

(2) Provide language assistance services for purposes of completing and submitting the application to the department to COFA applicants with limited English proficiency as defined in ORS 413.550.

(3) Within three business days of receipt of an incomplete application:

(a) Notify the COFA applicant that the application is incomplete;

(b) Provide instructions to the COFA applicant on how to complete the application; and

(c) Notify the COFA applicant of the date, consistent with the timeline established in OAR 945-050-0015(2), by which the application must be completed and postmarked, or if not mailed, received by the department.

(4) Waitlist a COFA applicant who submits an application if enrollment in the program reaches a level at which the department reasonably determines that the COFA Premium Assistance Program Fund will be insufficient to pay the premium costs or out-of-pocket costs for the COFA applicant or one or more existing program participants during the entirety of the applicable plan year;

(5) Within five business days of receipt of a complete application:

(a) Approve or hold the application;

(b) Notify the COFA applicant of the approval or holding of the application; and

(c) If the application is held, notify the COFA applicant of the:
(A) Reason for holding the application; and

(B) COFA applicant’s appeal rights under OAR 945-050-0040;

(d) Waitlist a COFA applicant if required by paragraph (4) of this rule; or

(e) If a COFA applicant is waitlisted, notify the COFA applicant of the:

(A) Reason the COFA applicant was waitlisted;

(B) COFA applicant’s position on the waiting list and

(C) COFA applicant’s appeal rights under OAR 945-050-0040.

(6) Enroll an applicant in the COFA Program who submits a complete application that is approved effective:

(a) On the first of the month following submission of the application if the application is received on or before the 15th of the month in which the application was submitted; and

(b) On the first of the second month following the submission of the application if the application is received after the 15th of the month in which the application was submitted.

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Requirements for Continued Eligibility for COFA Premium Assistance; Disenrollment from Program

(1) A COFA program participant shall:

(a) Comply with procedural or documentation requirements established by the department in accordance with Oregon Laws 2016, Chapter 94, Section 3(4)(c);

(b) Satisfy a request from the department within the time established by the department for information necessary to verify the participant’s continued eligibility for the program; and

(c) Notify the department in writing within 15 calendar days of a change:
(A) Of address or telephone number;

(B) In eligibility for:

(i) Coverage under, or eligibility for, the qualified health plan eligible for reimbursement;

(ii) The COFA Premium Assistance Program;

(iii) Minimum essential coverage; or

(iv) Medicaid.

(C) In the monthly premium costs or the payment amount of the advance premium tax credit; or

(D) In the COFA applicant’s household size or income that affects eligibility for the qualified health plan described in OAR 945-050-0005.

(2) In addition to the bases for disenrollment set out in Oregon Laws 2016, Chapter 94, Section 3(3), the department may disenroll a participant from the program if the participant fails, without good cause, to satisfy a requirement of paragraph (1) of this rule;

(3) The department:

(a) Shall establish the effective date of disenrollment for a reason specified in paragraph 2 of this rule;

(b) May choose not to pay a program participant’s qualified health plan premium costs or reimburse a program participant’s out-of-pocket costs incurred after the effective date of disenrollment; and

(c) May seek reimbursement of monies expended from the COFA Premium Assistance Program Fund for premium costs or out-of-pocket costs incurred after the effective date described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

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