



Draft Proposed Changes to COFA Premium Assistance Program OAR's - September 12, 2017

945-060-0020

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] **945-060-0005**.
- (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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