



Compact of Free Association (COFA)
Premium Assistance Program

COFA Premium Assistance Program Impact



What is the COFA Premium Assistance Program?

The COFA Premium Assistance Program, operating since 2017, is administered by the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace. The program serves low-income citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau who live in Oregon. Under the Compact of Free Association, these citizens are permitted to reside in the United States, but COFA adults are not eligible for full Medicaid (the Oregon Health Plan) under federal law. The COFA Premium Assistance Program connects these Oregonians to coverage.

\$203,062.64
Value of premiums and out-of-pocket reimbursement claims paid by the COFA program in 2019

\$3,975,284.58
Value of claims paid by insurance carriers in 2019

In 2020, the **835** Oregonians who applied and qualified for the program*

entered the United States under the compact from

Federated States of Micronesia

Marshall Islands

Republic of Palau



County	2020 Enrollment*	2019 Enrollment	2018 Enrollment
Benton	6	7	6
Clackamas	28	26	20
Clatsop	1	1	1
Deschutes	1	1	1
Jackson	1	2	2
Josephine	0	1	0
Lane	2	6	5
Lincoln	2	0	1
Linn	2	2	1
Marion	448	454	345
Multnomah	189	198	136
Polk	13	15	8
Umatilla	2	6	2
Union	81	99	61
Washington	59	59	49
Yamhill	0	1	1

*as of August 31, 2020

Stories of COFA Premium Assistance Program impact

A COFA citizen who had gone blind before coming to the U.S. enrolled in the COFA Premium Assistance Program and medical insurance. She was referred to OHSU where doctors found she had a virus in her eyes and prescribed antibiotic drops. She has since experienced an improvement in her vision.

A COFA citizen who suffered a traumatic brain injury and had to re-learn daily activities has stated that since he has enrolled in the COFA Premium Assistance Program and has access to health care his memory and ability to do day to day tasks has improved after years of decline.