



Proposed Changes to OAR 945-060-0020

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The amendment to OAR 945-060-0020 establishes the effective date of an eligible COFA applicant's sponsorship in the COFA premium assistance program. According to the amended rule, a COFA applicant whose application is approved has an effective COFA program sponsorship date of the first of the month following the submission of the application if the application was received by DCBS by the 15th of the month. If DCBS receives a completed application after the 15th of the month, the member's effective date in the program is the first of the second month following receipt of the application. For example, if DCBS receives a COFA application from Jon on November 3, 2017, and Jon's application is approved, Jon's membership in the program is December 1, 2017. If DCBS receives Jon's approved application on November 17, 2017 or Jon completes an incomplete application that was submitted on or before November 15, 2017, Jon's membership is effective on January 1, 2018.

The amendment to OAR 945-060-0020 is necessary in order to clarify the effective date of a COFA applicant's sponsorship. The rule as written doesn't specify the effective date of sponsorship. Establishing the effective date is necessary because the COFA program has limited resources and benefits will be paid based upon the date claims are received. The earlier a sponsorship is effective, the greater likelihood a member will be able to make claims eligible for reimbursement.

