



Compact of Free Association (COFA)  
Premium Assistance Program

# COFA Premium Assistance Program Impact



OREGON HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE

## 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.

**\$220,058**  
Value of premiums and out-of-pocket reimbursement claims paid by the COFA program in 2018

**\$3,426,718**  
Value of claims paid by insurance carriers in 2018

In 2019, the **703** 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	2019 Enrollment*	2018 Enrollment	2017 Enrollment
Benton	7	6	3
Clackamas	25	20	8
Clatsop	1	1	0
Deschutes	1	1	0
Jackson	2	2	3
Josephine	1	0	0
Lane	3	5	8
Lincoln	0	1	0
Linn	1	1	0
Marion	380	343	258
Multnomah	163	136	72
Polk	7	8	5
Umatilla	2	1	0
Union	57	61	30
Washington	53	50	43
Yamhill	0	1	0

\*as of Aug. 21, 2019

## 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.

An individual from the Marshall Islands came to the U.S. very ill with diabetes. He was able to qualify for the COFA Premium Assistance Program and enrolled in health insurance. His health has stabilized after some difficult complications.