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New special enrollment period available for people with lower incomes

Not eligible for Oregon Health Plan (OHP)? You may now be able to enroll through HealthCare.gov.

(Salem) – A new special enrollment period through the end of 2021 has opened for people who have lower incomes. This special enrollment period will allow Oregonians to shop at HealthCare.gov if they are not eligible for the Oregon Health Plan, Oregon’s Medicaid program.

Low-income Oregonians who do not qualify for Oregon Health Plan benefits may be able to shop for health coverage through the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace during this special enrollment period. Income limits for this enrollment period are set for people at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level. This equates to:

- \$19,320 for a single adult in Oregon
- \$26,130 for a couple or family of two people
- \$39,750 for a family of four
- \$53,370 for a family of six

People in this income level will likely qualify for a Silver-level health plan with monthly premiums for around \$1 per month and deep savings on out-of-pocket costs like copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, and out-of-pocket maximums. Oregonians can browse plans and find out how much savings they are eligible for at OregonHealthCare.gov/WindowShop.

“This is an excellent opportunity for people in Oregon to get the health coverage they need at a fraction of the cost,” said Chiqui Flowers, administrator of the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace.

Insurance agents and community partner organizations throughout the state are available to help Oregonians figure out which health coverage and financial assistance they may qualify for and apply for the best health coverage for them and their family. There are no charges for the services these health coverage experts provide.

To get started, go to OregonHealthCare.gov and answer a few Oregon-specific questions to get to the right application. You can also search the “get help” directory on OregonHealthCare.gov to find health coverage expert to help you complete the application and enroll. Insurance agents

and community partners provide free and local one-on-one assistance to the client. This help is available virtually and over the phone, and in person.

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The Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace, a part of state government, helps people get health insurance when they do not have job-based coverage, and do not qualify for the Oregon Health Plan or another program. The Marketplace is the state-level partner to HealthCare.gov. For more information, go to OregonHealthCare.gov.