Five-Minute Update

Internal staff updates on Health Care 2014

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Fast-track enrollment for the Oregon Health Plan

People can begin applying next week for Oregon Health Plan (OHP) coverage that starts January 1, 2014. Cover Oregon is the one-stop shop for people applying for health coverage in Oregon, including those applying for OHP.

But there is another option for people, and it's one we want to make sure everyone knows about.

It's called "fast-track" enrollment.

Fast-track enrollment is an easier way for qualified Oregonians to enroll in OHP. People who are eligible for fast-track enrollment do not need to apply through Cover Oregon or through any other means. All they have to do is send back a completed "fast-track" form to enroll.

Fast-track enrollment is available to resident Oregonians who:

- 1. Meet the qualifications for the Oregon Health Plan
- 2. Are either enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) <u>or</u> have children enrolled in Healthy Kids/OHP

About 260,000 Oregonians qualify for fast-track enrollment. Over the next week, we will begin mailing fast-track enrollment forms to people who meet the qualifications.

Some SNAP recipients or parents of Healthy Kids will not qualify for fast-track enrollment. That's because their income exceeds the limit for the Oregon Health Plan. They will not receive a fast-track letter. But through Cover Oregon, there will be financial assistance available to help them buy coverage on the commercial market.

For copies of the letters, fact sheets and more information, go to the <u>fast-track enrollment page</u>.

Have a question? Send us an e-mail at <u>oha.2014@state.or.us</u>.



