

## **“Fast-track” enrollment for the Oregon Health Plan**

***About 260,000 adult Oregonians have already been screened for OHP and do not have to apply through Cover Oregon.***

### **What is fast-track enrollment?**

It’s an easy way to enroll in the Oregon Health Plan. It is available for adults who have already been screened for other benefits.

### **Who can use fast-track enrollment?**

Fast-track enrollment is available to adult Oregonians who meet qualifications for the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) and have already qualified for the following:

Food benefits through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or  
Health care benefits for children through Healthy Kids/OHP.

### **How are people being notified?**

Eligible people will receive a fast-track enrollment packet from the Oregon Health Authority, which oversees the Oregon Health Plan. About 230,000 SNAP recipients and about 30,000 parents with children in the Oregon Health Plan will receive the letters.

### **When are fast-track enrollment packets being mailed?**

They will begin to hit mailboxes the weekend before October 1, 2013. That’s so people know they do not have to go through Cover Oregon and can just return the form to the Oregon Health Authority.

### **When does coverage start?**

January 1, 2014

### **Will fast-track enrollees apply through Cover Oregon?**

No, they do not have to apply. They are already eligible based on the other programs.

### **How is this different from Cover Oregon?**

Cover Oregon is a one-stop shop for health care coverage. Fast-track enrollees do not have to go through Cover Oregon or a paper application process. All they have to do is fill out the “fast-track” enrollment form and return it to the Oregon Health Authority.

**What if someone is eligible but did not receive a letter?**

They can call 1-800-699-9075 and talk to an OHP customer service representative.

**What if someone loses their fast-track letter?**

They can call 1-800-699-9075 and enroll over the phone or get it online through [www.health.oregon.gov](http://www.health.oregon.gov) starting October 1, 2013.

**What are the income limits for the Oregon Health Plan for 2014?**

Like other benefit services, eligibility for the new Oregon Health Plan is based on the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). For the 2014 benefits, the income limit is 138% of the FPL. That's about \$1,784 per month - or \$21,408 per year - for a family of two.

**What if a SNAP recipient or a parent with children in OHP earns too much to qualify for OHP?**

If someone who receives SNAP or has children in OHP does not meet the new income limits, they can apply for coverage through Cover Oregon.

**Will everyone who receives SNAP or has a child in the Oregon Health Plan receive a fast-track enrollment letter?**

No. Only people who meet the 2014 income limits will receive a fast-track enrollment letter. You can be eligible for SNAP if you earn up to 185% of the Federal Poverty Level. (That's about \$2,392 month - or \$28,704 per year - for a family of two.) You can be eligible for Healthy Kids if you earn up to 300% of the Federal Poverty Level. (That's about \$3,944 per month – or \$47,328 per year - for a family of two.)

**That's a lot of numbers. What's the bottom line?**

Some SNAP and OHP parents earn more than the limits for the Oregon Health Plan. They will not receive a letter and cannot do fast-track enrollment. But they should go to Cover Oregon to find out what financial assistance they may qualify for to help them buy coverage on the commercial market.

**What if I have more questions about fast-track enrollment or the Oregon Health Plan?**

You can find more information about upcoming changes to the Oregon Health Plan at [www.health.oregon.gov](http://www.health.oregon.gov). You can also call us at 1-800-699-9075.

**Why is Oregon able to offer fast-track enrollment?**

Last month Oregon received a waiver from the federal government that allows us to enroll adults into the Oregon Health Plan who have already qualified for SNAP or health care for their children.