COFA Dental Talking Points for Community Partners

Dental-only coverage available to more Oregonians starting January 1, 2023; applications open November 2022

Starting January 1, 2023, more COFA citizens will be eligible for dental coverage through the COFA Dental Program. People can apply for this program starting November 2022.

Who are COFA citizens?

COFA citizens are from:

- The Federated States of Micronesia,
- The Republic of the Marshall Islands, and
- The Republic of Palau.

COFA citizens are free to travel, work, and live in the United States through a Compact of Free Association (COFA) with the U.S. government.

What does the COFA Dental Program cover?

COFA Dental covers the same dental services as the Oregon Health Plan (OHP). Learn more about OHP dental benefits.

Who provides COFA Dental Program services?

Coordinated care organizations (CCOs) will deliver services through their dental plan networks. Learn more about CCOs.

Who is eligible for the COFA Dental Program?

COFA citizens who:

- Live in Oregon;
- Are not eligible for OHP; and
- Have income at or below 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.

This means COFA citizens who do not meet non-financial requirements for specific Medicaid programs, such as:

- People over age 65 with no dependent child in the home.
- People under age 65 who do not provide minimal essential coverage for a dependent child in the home.
- People with too many resources to qualify for Medicaid.

To find out if they qualify, people must apply for OHP. If they don't qualify for OHP, then they will be reviewed for the COFA Dental Program.

How to apply for the COFA Dental Program

To apply, people can do one of the following:

Apply online:

- Go to ONE.Oregon.gov to login or create an account.

Paper application:

Paper applications are available in multiple languages.

- Download and print an application online by going to OHP.Oregon.gov/Apply; or
- Have an application mailed to them by calling OHP Customer Service at 800-699-9075.

Need help?

People can get help with the online or paper application by connecting with an OHP community partner at bit.ly/ohplocalhelp.

For questions about the program or to check the status of an application, people can call OHP Customer Service at 1-800-699-9075.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why is this happening?

Senate Bill 1538 (2022) directs the Oregon Health Authority to establish a dental program for COFA citizens who do not qualify for OHP.

What if people don't qualify for COFA Dental?

COFA citizens may be eligible for the Veterans Dental Program if they:

- Live in Oregon;
- Are a veteran as described in Oregon Revised Statute 408.225, except the individual may be discharged or released under honorable conditions or other conditions;
- Are not eligible for Medicaid; and
- Have income at or below 400 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.

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