

Oregon Health Plan eligibility during COVID-19 emergency

Starting March 18, 2020, if a member has Oregon Health Plan coverage, they will continue to be covered. This includes state-funded coverage and members who were scheduled for benefit closure due to redeterminations. Even if an OHP member gets a letter that says their OHP is closing or they no longer qualify, the Oregon Health Plan will not end their coverage. There are, however, a small number of reasons why coverage would be closed during this crisis. Please see the list of eligibility scenarios below for more information.

Eligibility will be terminated for only the following reasons during this crisis:

- An individual becomes deceased;
- An individual becomes incarcerated. Benefits will be suspended while incarcerated;
- An individual requests closure; and
- It is confirmed that an individual has moved out of state for a reason that is not related to the COVID-19 emergency.

Eligibility will not be terminated for any individual who was receiving Oregon Health Plan benefits on March 18, 2020, for any reason that is not listed above.

Examples of eligibility reasons that will not result in termination include:

- When a change is reported that would normally result in ineligibility, such as when there is an increase in income;
- Women who were enrolled based on pregnancy and who have reached the end of the 60-day post-partum period;
- Children and former foster youth who would otherwise age out of Medicaid;
- Individuals who lose the other benefits that were the basis of their Medicaid eligibility, such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
- Individuals at the end of their presumptive eligibility period;
- People receiving coverage as a result of a pending administrative appeal; and
- People for whom current address is unknown.

Please note: There are individuals receiving benefits on March 18, 2020, who had previously been determined ineligible for benefits after March 31, 2020. The state is in the process of identifying and restoring benefits for these individuals. The state is working to send a notice to individuals who meet this criterion, letting them know their benefits are being restored.