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**To:** Oregon Health Plan hospitals

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**Subject:** Hospital hold process ends May 1, 2017

Effective May 1, 2017, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will repeal Oregon Administrative Rule 410-125-0030 (Hospital Hold).

- This rule allows enrolled hospitals in Oregon and out-of-state hospitals within 75 miles of the Oregon border to request the hospital admission date as the coverage start date for Oregon Health Plan (OHP) applications submitted for inpatient admissions.
- Under this rule, hospitals can submit requests using the *Hospital Hold Request* ([OHP 3261](#)) form. OHA then mails out OHP applications to the patients to establish the start date.

Once the hospital hold rule is repealed, this process will no longer be available.

### Why is this happening?

The hospital hold process is no longer needed, because the following application processes allow individuals to request an appropriate coverage start date:

The [Hospital Presumptive Eligibility \(HPE\) process](#) allows qualified hospitals to determine immediate, temporary OHP eligibility for individuals and help them apply for full OHP coverage. If eligible, individuals will receive up to two months of OHP coverage that includes all OHP benefits except for inpatient labor and delivery. Coverage is effective on the application date.

The standard [OHP application process](#) allows OHA to approve coverage up to three months prior to the individual's application date.

- Oregonians can now apply online for OHP and get an eligibility determination as soon as they submit the online application.
- Community partners throughout Oregon can help Oregonians apply for OHP and learn about their health coverage options.

### What should you do?

To continue helping Oregonians apply for health coverage, hospitals can:

- **Apply to become a Hospital Presumptive Eligibility determination site** by completing and submitting the *Declaration of Intent and Agreement to Serve* ([OHP 3262](#)) form to OHA.
- **Apply to become an OHA community partner** by completing and submitting the *Application Assistance by Provider Staff* ([OHP 3128](#)) form to OHA.

## Questions?

- About becoming a qualified HPE determination site: email [napuaann.k.catriz@state.or.us](mailto:napuaann.k.catriz@state.or.us).
- About becoming an OHA community partner: email [cp.business@state.or.us](mailto:cp.business@state.or.us).

Thank you for your continued support of the Oregon Health Plan. We appreciate the services you provide to our members and to all Oregonians seeking access to health care.