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To: Department of Corrections (DOC) and County Jail Medicaid
Eligibility Contacts

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Subject: How to submit inmate Medicaid applications effective November 15, 2014

As you may know, Oregon will join the federal Health Insurance Marketplace on November 15, 2014. You can learn more about this change on [the Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\) website](http://the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) website). We are writing you this letter to let you know what is and is not changing about the Inmate Eligibility Project.

Why is this happening?

Starting November 15, 2014, the federal Health Insurance Marketplace at HealthCare.gov will provide Oregonians an automated application and enrollment process for both the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) and private coverage. However, HealthCare.gov will not be able to process inmate eligibility applications.

For applications for inmates needing inpatient hospitalization, the process has not changed. Pre-release applicants can apply on or after their release date using a paper application or the application at www.Oregonhealthcare.gov.

What should you do?

On and after November 15, 2014, please do the following:

- **For hospitalizations/re-incarcerations:** Please continue to email completed full Medicaid/CHIP paper applications (OHA 7210) to OHP Customer Service for inmates under age 65, and to email or fax to DHS Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) central office for inmates age 65 and over.
- **For pre-release Medicaid/CHIP applicants:** On or after the inmate's release date, please complete and submit the OHA 7210 paper application (or a printout of the online fillable PDF) with the appropriate cover sheet by email to OHA, or by email or fax to DHS/APD.
- **For any inmate seeking Medicaid eligibility, please do not apply through the federal marketplace at HealthCare.gov.** This site will not process inmate applications properly.

Questions?

For contacts and more information about the program, visit the [Inmate Project Web page](#).

Thank you for helping make Oregon's Inmate Eligibility process work. We are very grateful that we are all partners in this endeavor.

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