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Headline: Next Oregon Health Plan drawing slated for April 5

The next drawing from the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) reservation list will take place Monday, April 5. The names of 8,000 Oregonians will be drawn and will receive application packets to join the plan. This is part of the ongoing process to bring 35,000 adults into the Oregon Health Plan.

To be included in the next drawing, names must be received before April 5. Monthly drawings and application mailings will be held until OHP Standard's projected capacity is reached. To be added to the reservation list, low-income Oregonians should call 1-800-699-9075 or 711 TTY, or visit the Web site at www.ohplist.oregon.gov. Reservation request forms are also available at local Department of Human Services' offices, local county health departments, and most hospitals and health care clinics.

"Once people's names are drawn they can apply for coverage and, if they are eligible, they will be enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan," says Judy Mohr Peterson, director of the Division of Medical Assistance Programs, which administers the plan.

An estimated 140,000 Oregonians would qualify for OHP based on income. Because of this, the state has created the reservation list and will hold monthly drawings from the list.

OHP Standard covers physician services, prescription drugs, mental health and chemical dependency treatment, emergency medical services and limited dental, hospital and vision services. Adults in the program pay monthly premiums ranging from nothing to \$20, depending on income and household size.

Children do not have to wait on a reservation list thanks to the Oregon Healthy Kids plan. Children and teens up to age 19 may qualify today. Call 1-877-314-5678 or visit the Healthy Kids Web site at www.oregonhealthykids.gov.

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