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OHA, CMS announce new benefits to offer health care coverage to thousands more Oregonians

PORTLAND, Ore. — Oregon Health Authority (OHA) officials and a representative from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Services will hold a virtual media briefing at 11 a.m. today – Monday, July 1 – to share details on a new benefit called “OHP Bridge.”

Speakers include:

- Sejal Hathi, M.D., Oregon Health Authority director
- Daniel Tsai, deputy administrator director of Medicaid and CHIP services, CMS
- Oregon Sen. Elizabeth Steiner, M.D.
- Gil Muñoz, chief executive officer, Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center

The new benefits will be administered through Oregon Health Plan (OHP), and will cover adults with higher than previously allowed incomes. OHP Bridge will “bridge” the coverage gap and provide free health coverage for adults in Oregon who have gone without health coverage at higher rates - more than any other income group in the state.

OHP Bridge is free. There are no monthly premiums, no cost to see a doctor and no copays or deductibles for covered services. OHP Bridge will eventually cover an estimated 100,000 people.

Interested reporters can join via Zoom [here](#). A livestream for the public also is available via YouTube [at this link](#).

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