

Department of Human Services 2009-11 Policy Option Package

Division Name: Seniors and People with Disabilities

Program Name: Not Applicable

Policy Option Package Initiative: Seniors and people with disabilities live safely and independently in their communities.

Policy Option Package Title: Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Supports

Policy Option Package Number: 333

Related Legislation: Not applicable

Summary Statement:

This POP provides funds to the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Association of Oregon to better provide supports for individuals diagnosed with ALS and their families. ALS is a devastating disease that causes neurological deterioration resulting in death. It is characterized by progressive muscular paralysis of voluntary muscles, leaving the person with no ability to care for themselves and totally dependent upon others. Supports could include repairing, loaning and replacing medical equipment; expanding care coordination services into rural and underserved areas of the state; and offering respite to up to 150 families and unpaid caregivers caring for individuals with ALS. This POP requires no new FTE.

1. **WHAT WOULD THIS POLICY OPTION PACKAGE (POP) DO AND HOW WOULD IT BE IMPLEMENTED?** This initiative would provide funds to the ALS Association in Oregon to allow them to better support individuals with ALS statewide. Supports could include repairing, loaning and replacing medical equipment; expanding care coordination services into rural and underserved areas of the state; and offering respite to up to 150 families and unpaid caregivers caring for individuals with ALS.
2. **WHY DOES DHS PROPOSE THIS POP?** ALS is a devastating disease that causes neurological deterioration, resulting in death. It is characterized by progressive muscular paralysis of voluntary muscles, leaving the person with no ability to care for themselves and totally dependent upon others. The Association provides much needed support for those individuals and families dealing with this fatal disease.
3. **HOW DOES THIS FURTHER THE AGENCY'S MISSION OR GOALS?** The department's mission is assisting people to become independent, healthy and safe. This grant will assist the Association in keeping individuals with ALS in their family homes, out of institutions, and independent. When these individuals need institutionalization, they frequently exhaust their resources, become Medicaid eligible, and the agency pays for their institutional care at a high rate.
4. **IS THIS POP TIED TO A DHS PERFORMANCE MEASURE? IF YES, IDENTIFY THE PERFORMANCE MEASURE. IF NO, HOW WILL DHS MEASURE THE SUCCESS OF THIS POP?** KPM # 37 (proposed): Access to Information and Referral and Information and Assistance – increase access to accurate and consistent Information and Referral and Information and Assistance for people who are not currently served by SPD.
5. **DOES THIS POP REQUIRE A CHANGE(S) TO AN EXISTING STATUTE OR REQUIRE A NEW STATUTE? IF YES, IDENTIFY THE STATUTE AND THE LEGISLATIVE CONCEPT.** No

6. **WHAT ALTERNATIVES WERE CONSIDERED AND WHAT WERE THE REASONS FOR REJECTING THEM?** No other alternatives were considered
7. **WHAT WOULD BE THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF NOT FUNDING THIS POP?** If this POP is not funded the Association will not be able to expand its current services; individuals with ALS will not receive the services necessary to remain in their own homes and independent; and, more individuals may become Medicaid eligible.
8. **WHAT OTHER AGENCIES (STATE, TRIBAL AND/OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT) WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THIS POP? HOW WOULD THEY BE AFFECTED?** None
9. **WHAT ASSUMPTIONS AFFECT THE PRICING OF THIS POP?**

Implementation Date(s): September 2008

End Date (if applicable): ongoing

- a. **Will there be new responsibilities for DHS? Specify which division(s) and describe their new responsibilities.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Addictions and Mental Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Division of Medical Assistance Programs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seniors and People With Disabilities |

New responsibilities will be developing and monitoring the contract.

b. Will there be new administrative impacts sufficient to require additional funding? Specify which office(s) and describe how it will be affected. No

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Payment Accuracy and Recovery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information Security/Privacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Investigations and Training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Document Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Audit and Consulting | <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts and Procurement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information Services (computers) | <input type="checkbox"/> Budget, Planning and Analysis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Services (accounting) | <input type="checkbox"/> DHS Office of Communications |

c. Will there be changes to client caseloads or services provided to population groups? Specify how many in each relevant program. The changes are extremely minimal and unknown.

d. Will it take new staff or will existing positions be modified? For each classification, list the number of positions and the number of months the positions will work in each biennium. Specify if the positions are permanent, limited duration or temporary. No

e. What are the start-up costs, such as new or significant modifications to computer systems, new materials, outreach and training? No

f. What are the ongoing costs? Biennial contract renewal of \$1,000,000.

g. What are the potential savings? Extremely minimal and unknown.

h. Based on these answers, is there a fiscal impact? Yes

- i. What are the sources of funding and the funding split for each one? Include grant names and fund type, such as “Medicaid, General and Federal Funds.”**

\$1,000,000 General Fund.

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