

Medicaid Long-Term Care Quality and Reimbursement Advisory Council

2013 Annual Report

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Purpose of the Council:

The Medicaid Long Term Care Quality & Reimbursement Advisory Council (Council) was established by the 1995 Legislative Assembly and consists of 12 stakeholders including the Long Term Care Ombudsman, consumers, advocates, and providers. Council appointments are made by the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Governor's Commission on Senior Services and the Oregon Disabilities Commission.

The Council is directed to advise the Department of Human Services (DHS) or the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) on changes or modifications to the Medicaid reimbursement system and the adverse and positive effects of the changes or modifications on the quality and reimbursement for long term care and community-based services.

Executive Summary:

Previous reports have appropriately documented the Council's concerns and actions intended to ward off the threats to Medicaid Long term Services and Supports system quality based on actual or proposed changes to the Medicaid reimbursement system. This Annual Report differentiates itself from its most recent predecessors by extending its compliments to the Governor's Office, the Oregon Legislature, the Department of Human Services, and Aging and People with Disabilities, for their initiative, leadership and commitment to the many investments, improvements, and innovative thinking involving stakeholders.

This Council would like to highlight some of the positive changes observed over this period that maintain or improve quality of Oregon's Long Term Services and Supports System.

- Leadership and implementation of the K State Plan
- Creation of an Innovation Fund to support testing of ideas and concepts that improve quality or achieve cost savings
- Ongoing commitment with this Council and others in transparency and meaningful stakeholder engagement and involvement
- Continued leadership and increased focus on community based care and preventing unnecessary institutionalization
- Positively resolving conflict arising from the split of OHA/DHS by cooperatively working through issues identified

This report outlines the actions taken by the Council and encourages the continued forward thinking, investment, innovation and stakeholder engagement and involvement that characterized this year.

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Actions Taken by the Council:

Governor's 13-15 Recommended Budget

While the Council's overall response to the 2013-15 GRB was supportive and positive, there were some components which the Council requested additional information to ensure the impact did not result in quality concerns. Specifically: (1) the proposed reduction of 500 of the approximately 4500 Medicaid Nursing Facility beds; (2) the impact of the Provider Tax on some 15 Providers of Nursing Facility beds who do not operate Medicaid beds. This review resulted in a complementary recommendation of the 2013-15 GRB for its innovation and positive goals.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

The Council made recommendations to DHS and OHA during joint negotiations with CMS,, maintaining financial and administration separation between Coordinated Care Organizations (CCO) and the long term services and supports (LTSS) systems.

Council Oregon Administrative Rule Revision

Through implementation of a Rule Advisory Committee and the rule-making process, the Council's governing OAR 411 was amended to include OHA actions that affect Medicaid LTSS .

State Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Plan

The Council moved to support the State Plan for Alzheimer's Diseases and Related Dementia Plan (SPADO) by sending a statement of support to the State Legislature

State Plan for Hospice Care

The Council moved to support the State Plan for Hospice Care by sending a statement of support to the State Legislature.

Quality Fund Council Oregon Administrative Rule

The Council endorsed proposals from the interim committee for implementing OARs regarding the Quality Fund Council. The legislatively approved funds are derived from licensing fees and civil penalties. The uses of such funds include innovative training, technical assistance and program initiatives that enhance the LTC sector.

Aging & People with Disabilities State Plan on Aging

The Council reviewed the State Plan on Aging by APD.

Nursing facility pediatric rate

The Council reviewed and approved the proposed nursing facility pediatric rate changes.