

2013-15 Policy Option Package

Agency Name: Department of Human Services
Program Area Name: Aging and People with Disabilities
Program Name: Field Services and Supports
Policy Option Package Initiative:
Policy Option Package Title: Specialized Living Supports
Policy Option Package Number: 108-5
Related Legislation:
Program Funding Team: Healthy People

Summary
Statement:

The Department of Human Services is requesting \$1,968,950 in additional general fund to support the increase in specialized living settings for individuals who are bariatric, require multiple individuals to assist with transfers, on a ventilator, etc. These individuals are currently limited in their community setting options, are high cost, and have high rates of hospitalization and institutionalization. The Department of Human Services believes that by taking this investment and matching federal funds, we could create additional service settings and provider supports for individuals to transition out of institutional settings and be served in the community.

	General Fund	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
<u>Policy Option Package Pricing:</u>	\$1,983,845	\$0	\$3,304,823	5,288,668

1. WHAT WOULD THIS POLICY OPTION PACKAGE (POP) DO AND HOW WOULD IT BE IMPLEMENTED?

This policy package would provide funding to develop community based resources to assist individuals that currently have limited capacity in Oregon's long-term care system. Oregon is a leader in community living and providing options for our clients to reside and receive services in the community. However, there are subsets of our population that because of their care needs or conditions are not equally represented in our community service options. Individuals who are bariatric, require multiple individuals to assist with transfers, require ventilator care, etc have limited options for services in our community. Oregon is requesting an investment of \$2,000,000 to support enhanced services and rates in the community for these populations. This general fund investment would be matched with federal funds, and would provide essential placements and community placements for individuals in our communities that have specific needs. The Department would contract with providers to ensure that service options were available in the community for these individuals based on this investment.

2. WHY DOES Department of Human Services PROPOSE THIS POP?

The Department of Human Services is committed to providing community options to individuals. Oregon continues to support the federal mandates for community living (<http://www.hhs.gov/od/topics/community/olmstead.html>) and wants to ensure that individuals have community options and are not institutionalized due to a lack of resources or options within our State system. This investment would allow The Department of Human Services to expand our current utilization of specific needs contracts and specialized living, which focuses on providing enhanced services for populations of individuals who are under-served in our community settings. Currently individuals who require multiple individuals to transition them or are bariatric, often have to utilize institutional settings in order to have their needs met. Furthermore, these individuals have limited institutional settings and are often displaced from their community or natural supports, including family and friends. The Department would

focus on providing additional contracted supports in communities that would allow clients options to become more integrated into their community.

3. HOW DOES THIS FURTHER THE AGENCY’S MISSION OR GOALS?

This request runs parallel to the goals and mission of the agency. The Department of Human Services is dedicated to providing services that allows individuals to be as healthy, safe, and independent as they can be. This goal would assist individuals in being able to be independent and have choice in where they receive their services. This investment is also targeted towards measured outcomes and ensuring that individuals in the community are provided services that not only allow them to be independent, but support their needs in a way that increases their safety and health.

4. IS THIS POP TIED TO A Department of Human Services PERFORMANCE MEASURE? IF YES, IDENTIFY THE PERFORMANCE MEASURE. IF NO, HOW WILL Department of Human Services MEASURE THE SUCCESS OF THIS POP?

The Department of Human Services would look at our institutional to community ratio and would expect to see continued decrease in the percentage of individuals receiving services in institutions because of this investment. The Department would compare projected ratios and percentages prior to and after implementation of these placements to determine the effectiveness of this investment.

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 changes to statute are required.

6. WHAT ALTERNATIVES WERE CONSIDERED AND WHAT WERE THE REASONS FOR REJECTING THEM?

The Department of Human Services has explored options within our current structure. Currently, contracts are being done for these populations at the individual level. This is extremely burdensome on the system, and creates limited capacity for individuals. The Department of Human Services believes that this investment will allow us to build a provider base that is person-centered in their approach to serving individuals, while maximizing the time and knowledge of providers in serving individuals with these complex needs.

7. WHAT WOULD BE THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF NOT FUNDING THIS POP?

If this POP wasn't funded, individuals would continue to remain in our acute care hospitals and institutional settings. Without this investment the clients suffers, our provider networks suffer, and we have continued utilization of emergency room services and hospitalization for placement due to a limited provider system.

8. WHAT OTHER AGENCIES (STATE, TRIBAL AND/OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT) WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THIS POP? HOW WOULD THEY BE AFFECTED?

This investment is not expected to have any additional affects on other agencies.

9. WHAT ASSUMPTIONS AFFECT THE PRICING OF THIS POP?

The pricing of this POP is based on average exceptional rate and current specific needs contracts for individuals with like needs. This POP assumes that with this investment 50 individuals will be served in the community during the 2013-2015 fiscal years with a staggered rollout.

Implementation Date(s): July 1, 2013_____

End Date (if applicable): _____

- a. **Will there be new responsibilities for The Department of Human Services? Specify which Program Area(s) and describe their new responsibilities.**

There will be no new responsibilities.

- b. **Will there be new administrative impacts sufficient to require additional funding? Specify which office(s) (i.e., facilities, computer services, etc.) and describe how it will be affected. See Addendum A - Administrative Services Division LC/POP Impact Questionnaire (at the end of this document).**

There will not be additional administrative impacts sufficient to require additional funding. The current administrative structure and supplies will support this additional investment.

- c. **Will there be changes to client caseloads or services provided to population groups? Specify how many in each relevant program.**

There will be changes to client caseloads and services provided. This will not change client eligibility for services or medical benefits; this will allow clients the ability to access community settings that without this investment may have been limited for these individuals and populations.

- 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.**

Existing positions will perform the work to support this investment, without need for additional support or modification. This will not take a change in classification for this investment.

- e. **What are the start-up costs, such as new or significant modifications to computer systems, new materials, outreach and training?**

There are no start-up costs necessary for this investment.

f. **What are the ongoing costs?**

Ongoing costs will be the ongoing budget to support these individuals in the community. If these placements are determined to be successful in providing a safe and independent setting where and individual can assist with directing their care and maintaining their health, then the Department of Human Services would want to continue to support these settings in our future budget requests.

g. **What are the potential savings?**

There could be some savings between what the cost of care is for these individuals in institutional settings versus a community placement. We believe there are additional savings for the State of Oregon when looking at the time and frequency these populations utilize urgent care, emergency services, and acute care settings; and what is projected to occur in a setting that is more personalized on these individual's care needs.

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

We believe that this investment could be cost neutral or support cost savings for the State of Oregon.

TOTAL FOR THIS PACKAGE

<u>Category</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>OF</u>	<u>FF</u>	<u>TF</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>FTE</u>
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	0.00
Services & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Special Payments	\$1,983,845	\$0	\$3,304,823	\$5,288,668		
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Total	\$1,983,845	\$0	\$3,304,823	\$5,288,668	0	0.00

The Department of Human Services - Fiscal Impact Summary by Program Area:

	Program Area 1	Program Area 2	Program Area 3	Program Area 4	Total
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds- Ltd	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Positions	0	0	0	0	0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

What are the sources of funding and the funding split for each one?