Oregon Project Independence – Medicaid (OPI-M)

Estimated and Actual Enrollment Report

Oregon Department of Human Services

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Introduction

On February 13, 2024, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved Oregon's request for a Section 1115 Medicaid demonstration, entitled "Oregon Project Independence-Medicaid (OPI-M)". The demonstration is to provide services to individuals ages 18 and older who are older adults or adults with physical disabilities with assessed needs in Activities of Daily Living. The demonstration also provides supports to unpaid caregivers to help meet beneficiaries' assessed needs while sustaining the caregivers' ability to meet those needs.

Report Focus

This report is an overview of estimated and actual enrollment for the first year of the demonstration. The enrollment numbers are for February 13, 2024 through January 31, 2025.

Estimated and Actual Enrollment

Below is estimated and actual enrollment for the first year of the demonstration.

Table 1. Estimated and Actual Enrollment for Demonstration Year One

Demonstration Year	From	To	Estimated Enrollment	Actual Enrollment
Year 1	02/13/2024	01/31/2025	4,378	602
Year 2	02/01/2025	01/31/2026	7,521	To be determined
Year 3	02/01/2026	01/31/2027	8,649	To be determined
Year 4	02/01/2027	01/31/2028	9,082	To be determined
Year 5	02/01/2028	01/31/2029	9,263	To be determined

Summary

The estimated enrollment rate for the first year of the demonstration was significantly higher than actual enrollment. The discrepancy was largely attributed to the original projections being made before the full scope of the financial eligibility process was finalized. APD is working to update estimated OPI-M

enrollment for future reporting using current caseload counts and interest lists to calculate the total demonstration population.

As the program rolled out, APD encountered several policy and administrative challenges, particularly related to the Information Technology (IT) systems development necessary for implementing OPI-M and its corresponding "In-Home Support and Personal Care Service" option. Early technical issues, including delays in processing payments to In-Home Care Agencies, impeded timely service delivery and slowed overall program adoption.

Additionally, consumer hesitation played a notable role in the lower-than-expected enrollment. Some individuals were reluctant to transition from traditional OPI (OPI-C) to OPI-M due to concerns about the financial eligibility process. Specifically, the process was often viewed as overly complex and intrusive, with discomfort around requirements such as consent for the Asset Verification System (AVS). In some cases, these concerns led consumers to withdraw their applications.