

# Oregon Project Independence – Medicaid (OPI-M) Estimated and Actual Enrollment Report

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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, titled “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 critical support to unpaid caregivers that help them meet beneficiaries’ assessed needs.

## Report focus

This report provides an overview of actual and estimated enrollment for the second year of the demonstration, covering the period of February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026.

## Estimated and actual enrollment

Table 1. shows the actual enrollment for Years One and Two, and the estimated enrollment for Years Three, Four, and Five of the demonstration.

**Table 1: Estimated and actual enrollment for demonstration year two**

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	3,130
Year 3	02/01/2026	01/31/2027	4,741	To be determined
Year 4	02/01/2027	01/31/2028	5,576	To be determined
Year 5	02/01/2028	01/31/2029	6,111	To be determined

## Summary

The number of individuals enrolled in Year Two was significantly higher than Year One, with actual enrollment reaching 3,130 individuals. While enrollment remained below original projections, the gap between estimated and actual enrollment narrowed as the program matured and processes became more established.

It is important to note that although Demonstration Year Two began on February 1, 2025, the public launch of OPI-M occurred on March 1, 2025. Prior to this date, program implementation was slow and enrollment was limited and lower than estimated. The broader statewide launch on March 1, 2025, led to a substantial increase in enrollment throughout the remainder of the year and helps explain the significant growth reflected in the Year Two total.

The initial discrepancy between projected and actual enrollment is partially attributed to early assumptions made prior to finalizing the full scope of the financial eligibility process. However, in Year Two, APD made meaningful progress in refining program operations and aligning expectations with real-world implementation. Estimated enrollment for years 3-5 has been updated accordingly.

Many of the policy and administrative challenges experienced during the initial rollout were mitigated during Year Two. Improvements to system functionality and payment processing for In-Home Care Agencies supported more timely service delivery. In addition, expanded staff training and increased familiarity with OPI-M policies and processes led to more consistent and effective communication with applicants. As staff gained a stronger understanding of the financial eligibility requirements, they were better equipped to explain the process, set clear expectations, and address applicant concerns. This improved clarity, helped reduce confusion, and supported a smoother application experience for individuals navigating the program.

APD continues to evaluate enrollment trends and refine future projections to better reflect program experience. With strengthened infrastructure, improved processes, and growing familiarity among staff and consumers, OPI-M is well-positioned for continued growth in future demonstration years.

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