



OREGON DEPARTMENT OF
Human Services

Welcome to the OPI-M Power Hour

Starting at 2:05pm



April 22, 2026



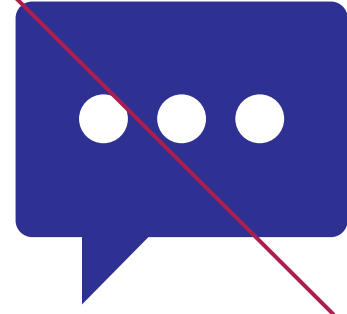
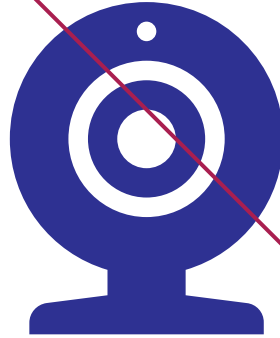
OPI-M Power Hour

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Agenda

1. Recent transmittal updates
2. COFE referral template
3. Cost Effectiveness and OPI-M
4. Q&A



APD-IM-26-029 Assistive Technology Training

Target Audience: AAA/APD OPI-M Supervisors and SCMs

Action Needed:

- Live training session to help educate staff about assistive technology
- Training is optional but highly encouraged
- Enrollment is open in Workday Learning
- Training scheduled for April 30th from 10am - 12pm

APD-IM-26-031 OPI-M Brochure

Target Audience: AAA/APD OPI-M Supervisors, ECMs and SCMs

Action Needed:

- APD and type B offices may order brochures through the Field Branch Ordering System (FBOS)
- Offices that do not have access to FBOS will submit requests via email
- 12 additional languages available

APD-PT-26-005 HCW, PSW and PCA Rural Mileage

Target Audience: AAA/APD OPI-M Supervisors and SCMs

Action Needed:

- Review the transmittal for list of ZIP codes
- If a HCW requests the rural mileage reimbursement, confirm that the OPI-M individual has been unable to find providers within a 50-mile radius of their home
- Follow the implementation steps to determine number of miles to be authorized
- If approved, provide form APD 397950 to the HCW. It is the HCWs responsibility to fill out and submit the form for reimbursement
- Rural mileage is not included on the voucher

COFE Referral Template

- Updated referral template for APD ECMs
- Includes additional information for clarity

Cost effectiveness and OPI-M

“Cost Effectiveness or cost-effective” means being responsible and accountable with Department resources. This is accomplished by offering **less costly, unduplicated alternatives** when providing choices that **adequately** meet an individual’s service needs. Those choices consist of all available services under these rules, the utilization of assistive devices, natural supports, home modifications, housing accommodations and alternative service resources not paid for by the Department. Cost effectiveness means that **more than one service is not authorized to meet the same needs.**

Duplication of Services

Can apply to any paid OPI-M service, not limited to:

- In-home hours with HCW or IHCA
- Assistive Technology
- Community Transportation
- Chore Services
- Home Delivered Meals
- Home Modifications
- LTCCN
- Medical Equipment and Supplies

Questions to Ask

To determine possible duplication of services:

- Do you currently have anyone helping with (insert service)?
- Have you tried any other community resources to meet this need?
- Are you working with any other agencies?
- Does your medical insurance provide this coverage?
- What other options have you tried?

Ancillary services and cost effectiveness

- Must first provide less costly, unduplicated alternatives that **adequately** meet an individual's service needs
 - Not have natural supports or other community services to meet the need. This includes the ability to pay privately for the service.
 - Not be eligible through Medicare, Medicaid or other medical coverage
- The identified need must meet one of the following:
 - Supports the goals of the individual and increases their independence,
 - Reduces the need for assistance from another person, **or**
 - Maintains a consumer's health and safety.

Cost Effectiveness Summary

- Don't assume other options have been tried
- Ask follow-up questions
- Seek resources from the ADRC
- Never promise that a service will be covered
- If in doubt, submit a case staffing request through the OPI-M Form

Questions and discussion



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