

Information Memorandum Transmittal Aging and People with Disabilities



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Topic: Long Term Care

Subject: Oregon Project Independence-Medicaid (OPI-M) Updated Training Available:
Module 1

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: Types A and B | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

This IM has been updated to inform staff about the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval of Oregon Project Independence – Medicaid (OPI-M) and the re-release of OPI-M Training Module 1: Introduction.

Message:

Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) has developed a new program: Oregon Project Independence – Medicaid (OPI-M). This program has been approved by CMS and will begin a statewide rolling implementation June 1, 2024. The details of the rolling implementation will be provided in separate communications.

OPI-M is an in-home only program that serves adults with primarily physical disabilities between the ages of 18-59 or all adults who are 60 or older.

The basic eligibility requirements include:

- Income at or below 400% Federal Poverty Level (FPL).
- Resources at or below the average cost of six months in a nursing facility.

- An assessment resulting in a Service Priority Level between 1-18.

A few of the features for OPI-M include:

- Waiving estate claims while on OPI-M.
- In-home service hours, up to 40 hours per pay period, determined through person-centered practices.
- A variety of different service options to support an individual in their home.
- Individuals having the ability to retain or apply for Medicaid medical benefits.

Under the [OPI-M section](#) on the CM Tools page, review the [Service Program Options Comparison Chart](#) to understand the differences between OPI-M and other similar programs offered by APD and Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) offices.

Module 1 provides additional information on case management related tasks to help administer the OPI-M program. This training is available for all staff who engage with individuals interested in or currently receiving services through APD and AAAs. This includes but is not limited to case managers (CM), eligibility workers, Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) staff, and support staff.

Access Module 1: [ODHS-APD/AAA-OPIM Training Series](#)

The Training Unit for Services and Supports (TUFSS) is currently developing a training plan to inform staff of additional OPI-M training modules. It will be provided as soon as possible.

After watching Module 1, staff may submit questions, comments and feedback on OPI-M by utilizing [this form link](#). The link will be provided on CM Tools under the OPI-M section.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

Contact(s): (Utilize form link above)	
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