

Aging and People with Disabilities

Oregon Project Independence (OPI) Pilot for Adults with Disabilities

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Oregon Revised Statute 410.435

- ❖ In 2005 the legislature amended law for Oregon Project Independence (OPI) to expand to cover adults 19-59 with physical disabilities.
 - However, the statute prohibited the adoption of rules around expansion, until the funding for OPI was “sufficient”.



The OPI Pilot Project

Effective July 1, 2014, HB 5201 authorized funding and directed the Department of Human Services (DHS) to develop a pilot project to expand OPI service to people with disabilities younger than 60 years of age, through June 30, 2015.

The Pilot Steering Committee

- Oregon Law Center
- Association of Oregon Centers for Independent Living
- Oregon Disabilities Commission
- A local Disability Services Advisory Council
- O4AD - Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities
- State Unit on Aging
- Home Care Commission
- Governor's Commission for Senior Services

Pilot participant demographics

- ❖ 73% are between the ages of 50 and 59;
- ❖ 77% live on a monthly income of less than \$1,500;
- ❖ 78% report having liquid assets of less than \$10,000 (\$15,000 for a couple);
- ❖ 75% live alone;
- ❖ 73% score moderate to high risk for an out of home placement;
- ❖ 30% report having a fall with injury in the past 6 months.

Consumers served and projections

| Area Agencies on Aging (counties served) | # of consumers enrolled as of 04/16/2015 | Projected # consumers by 06/30/2015 |
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| Community Action Program of East Central Oregon (Morrow, Umatilla) | 14 | 20 |
| Lane Council of Governments (Lane) | 36 | 48 |
| Multnomah County Aging, Disability and Veterans Services (Multnomah) | 136 | 186 |
| NorthWest Senior & Disability Services (Marion, Polk, Yamhill, Clatsop) | 21 | 35 |
| Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments Senior & Disability Services (Linn, Benton, Lincoln) | 50 | 70 |
| Rogue Valley Council of Governments Senior & Disability Services (Jackson, Josephine) | 44 | 65 |
| Washington County Disability, Aging & Veterans Services (Washington) | 20 | 40 |
| TOTAL | 321 | 464 |

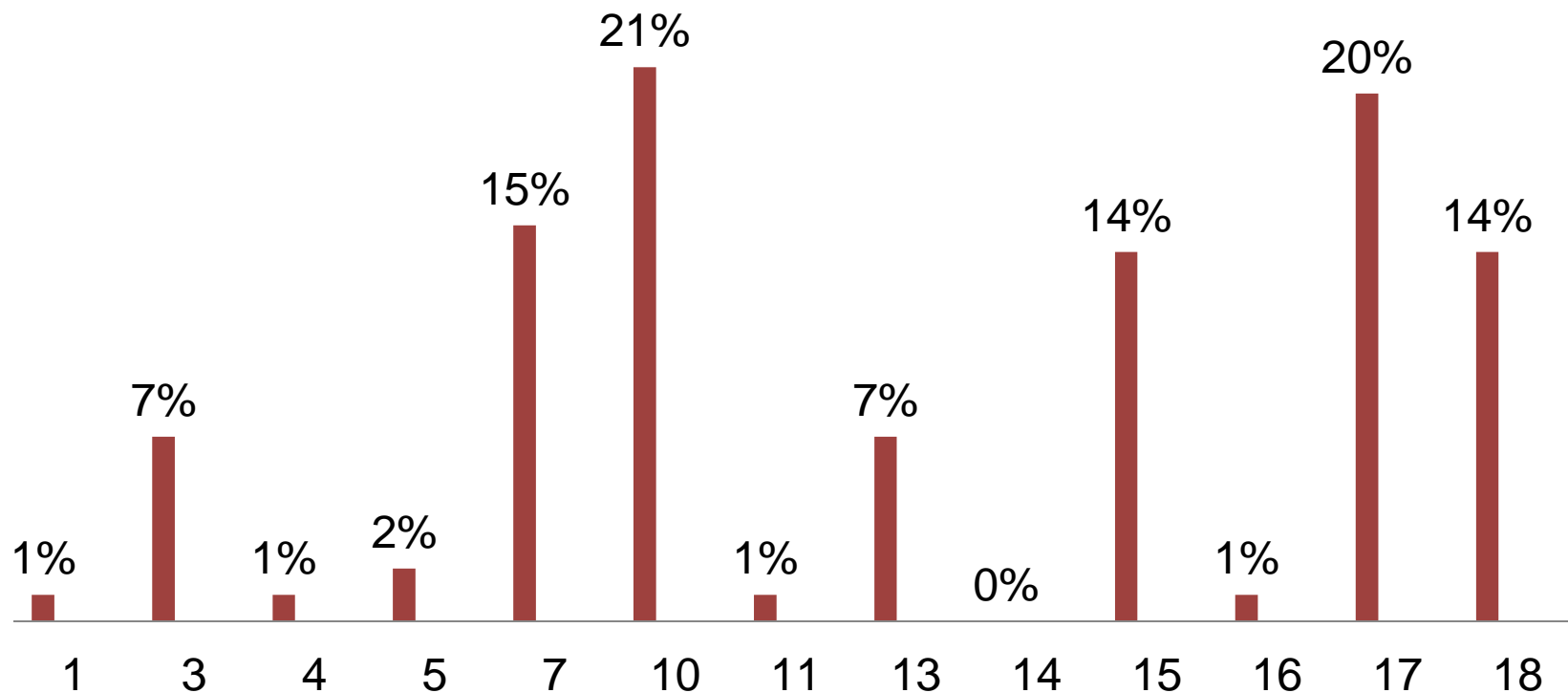
Service Eligibility Criteria

411-015-0010 Priority of Paid Services

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| 1 | Requires Full Assistance in Mobility, Eating, Elimination, and Cognition. | 7 | Requires Substantial Assistance with Mobility and Assistance with Elimination. | 13 | Requires Assistance with Elimination. <i>(13 is cutoff for Medicaid)</i> |
| 2 | Requires Full Assistance in Mobility, Eating, and Cognition. | 8 | Requires Minimal Assistance with Mobility and Assistance with Eating and Elimination. | 14 | Requires Assistance with Eating. |
| 3 | Requires Full Assistance in Mobility, or Cognition, or Eating. | 9 | Requires Assistance with Eating and Elimination. | 15 | Requires Minimal Assistance with Mobility. |
| 4 | Requires Full Assistance in Elimination. | 10 | Requires Substantial Assistance with Mobility. | 16 | Requires Full Assistance in Bathing or Dressing. |
| 5 | Requires Substantial Assistance with Mobility, Assistance with Elimination and Assistance with Eating. | 11 | Requires Minimal Assistance with Mobility and Assistance with Elimination. | 17 | Requires Assistance in Bathing or Dressing. |
| 6 | Requires Substantial Assistance with Mobility and Assistance with Eating. | 12 | Requires Minimal Assistance with Mobility and Assistance with Eating. | 18 | Independent in the above levels but requires structured living for supervision for complex medical problems or a complex medication regimen. |

Assessed Service Priority Level

Consumers by Service Priority Level (SPL)
1=highest need, 18=lowest need



Average cost per consumer

- ❖ Average Cost of personal and home care services for pilot consumers = \$335 per month.
- ❖ For higher needs individuals (SPL 3 or higher) = \$422 per month.
- ❖ For consumers with fewer needs (SPL 18) = \$276 per month.



Consumer profile stories

- Male, in his 50s
- Significant pain and mobility issues
- Income of \$922/month
- Difficulty maintaining his home or having any social interaction
- Assessed at Service Priority Level 17
- Now uses
 - Motorized scooter
 - In-home care of 25 hours per/month
- **Outcome**: Consumer plans to return to volunteering with a local charity to help others in need.

- Woman, 51 years old
- Income of \$771/month
- Homebound
- Recent history of falls
- Assessed at Service Priority Level 13
- No family in the area
- Now receives
 - Meals
 - Housekeeping
 - Personal care assistance
- **Outcome**: She no longer feels hopeless and alone.

Recommendation

- ORS 410.435(2) prohibits the Department from adopting rules making OPI age-neutral unless the we find that funding “*is sufficient to fund the expansion of the program to persons with physical disabilities.*”
- The Department believes that **a biennial appropriation of at least \$27.5M will suffice to meet the criteria** above. This amount assumes that:
 - Approx. \$21.5M will be used for the 60 and older population and;
 - Approx. \$6M will be used by individuals ages 19-59

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