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SUBJECT: Response to Committee Member Questions, March 25, 2025

Dear Co-Chairs Campos and Valderrama and Members of the Subcommittee,

At your informational hearing on March 25, 2025, during the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) presentation on the Long Term Services and Supports programs in the Office of Aging and People with Disabilities (APD), Representatives Diehl and Nelson asked questions about the average cost for private pay rates for consumers in various settings and by region, with Representative Nelson asking if there could be a map of average nursing facility rates for private pay by county. Representative Diehl asked if APD could provide data on the number of individuals denied eligibility for Medicaid long term services and supports based on financial eligibility criteria.

**Question 1: What are the ranges of private pay rates by community-based care setting, and is there variation by region? Would it be possible to show average private pay rates for nursing facilities by county?**

For community-based care (CBC) facilities and adult foster homes (AFH), APD contracts with the Institute on Aging at Portland State University for annual reports on CBC facilities and AFHs, and these reports include private pay rates that are collected by questionnaires from these providers.

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For CBC facilities, the data are not analyzed by region, but they are reported by combining the two main CBC facility types (Assisted Living Facility (ALF) and Residential Care Facility (RCF)), reporting memory care (MC)-endorsed CBC facilities separately, and the overall average for all type of facilities combined. For each category, rates are also separated by the average of facilities' base, or minimal private pay rates, and the average rates of their private pay residents.

For the 2024 findings, here are the average monthly private pay charges among sampled residents by setting:

	ALF/ RCF	ALF/ RCF	Memory Care	Memory Care	ALF/RCF/ MC	ALF/RCF/MC
Monthly Charge	Base	Total	Base	Total	Base	Total
Median	\$5,227	\$6,155	\$6,900	\$8,000	\$5,800	\$6,915
Average	\$5,469	\$6,615	\$7,190	\$8,189	\$6,064	\$7,159

The PSU report includes data from a sample of adult foster homes (AFHs) to show private pay rates by region overall in the state. The rates are broked down by the minimum, average, median, and maximum private pay rate provided by the sample AFHs, by region and statewide.

Adult Foster Home: Total monthly charge for private room by region, 2024

	Minimum	Average	Median	Maximum
Portland Metro	\$3,000	\$5,852	\$5,550	\$13,500
Willamette Valley/North Coast	\$3,500	\$5,538	\$5,500	\$7,100
Southern Oregon/South Coast	\$711	\$5,007	\$5,250	\$7,000

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East of Cascades	\$2,250	\$4,590	\$4,000	\$8,500
Total	\$711	\$5,591	\$5,500	\$13,500

These reports are available on [PSU's Oregon Community-Based Care Project website](#).

For nursing facility private pay rates, APD obtained daily basic nursing facility (NF) private pay rates for each facility and sorted by county. Here are the most recent data (State Fiscal Year 2022-2023) of the average private pay daily basic NF rates by county, with an accompanying map for each county that has at least one NF:

County	Avg. Daily Private Pay Rate	County	Avg. Daily Private Pay Rate
Benton	\$579.53	Lake	\$1,406.30
Clackamas	\$439.14	Lane	\$498.90
Clatsop	\$427.69	Lincoln	\$456.90
Columbia	\$403.47	Linn	\$426.82
Coos	\$408.70	Malheur	\$332.18
Crook	\$408.59	Marion	\$608.95
Curry	\$399.94	Multnomah	\$436.47
Deschutes	\$473.21	Polk	\$397.92
Douglas	\$454.06	Tillamook	\$340.59
Grant	\$1,493.93	Umatilla	\$392.39
Hood River	\$458.32	Union	\$393.98
Jackson	\$350.03	Wasco	\$410.65
Jefferson	\$225.25	Washington	\$427.02
Josephine	\$522.36	Yamhill	\$441.14
Klamath	\$454.62		

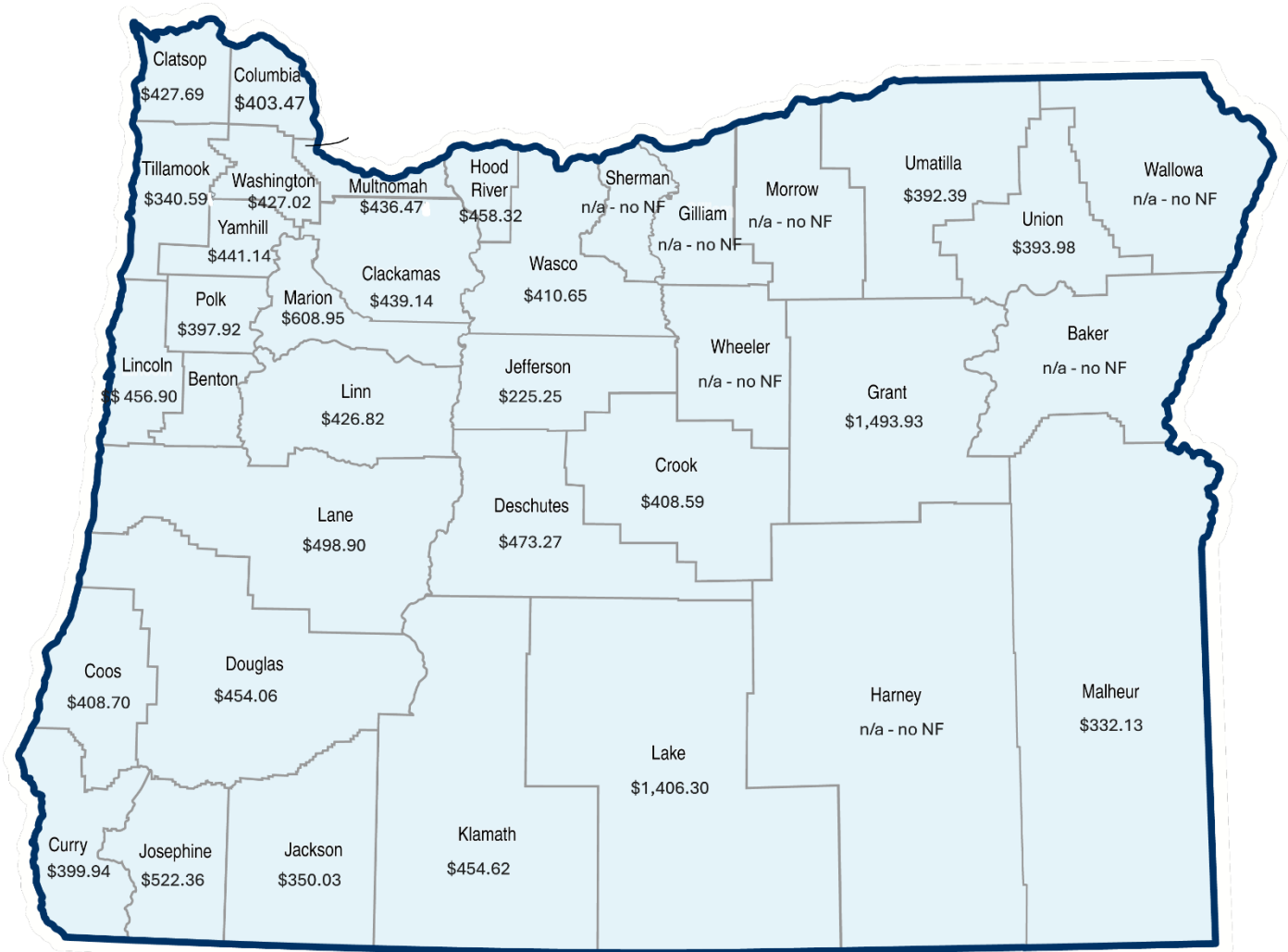
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\*Note: The Medicaid basic daily rate at the start of the SFY 2022 was \$440.82.

\*Note: The variation of private pay rates are attributed to level of care and acuity for individual private pay residents. Additionally, some rural and frontier counties only have one NF, and a smaller number of residents may affect the average daily rate based on resident acuity compared to counties with many NFs.



**Question 2: Please provide data on the number of individuals who are found financially ineligible for Medicaid long term services and supports.**

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The Oregon Eligibility Partnership (OEP) program collects data on applicants who are denied eligibility based on financial criteria (income and resources). For the calendar year 2024, OEP reports that 22,662 individuals age 65 and older were denied eligibility for Oregon Health Plan (OHP) Medical benefits based on financial eligibility criteria.

For individuals seeking eligibility for Medicaid LTSS specifically, 14,841 individuals were denied eligibility based on financial criteria in 2024; of those, 5,389 were age 65 and older. OEP also reports that samples of denials for Medicaid LTSS are reviewed for errors, and over a period from December 30, 2024, through March 23, 2025, 17% of the individuals were denied in error and worked with the local offices to fix them.

APD hopes this satisfactorily answers the questions from members of the Human Services Subcommittee on Day Two of APD's Ways and Means Presentation, and please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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