



Program #40059B - Corrections Health - Eligibility Specialist Restoration 3/7/2022

Department: Health Department **Program Contact:** Myque Obiero
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

Corrections Health addresses the medical, behavioral and dental health needs for the population detained in the Multnomah County Detention Center, Multnomah County Inverness Jail and the Donald E. Long Home for youth. Most individuals in the facilities have been disproportionately impacted by health risk and disease and many have not had regular access to health care. This offer represents restoration of an additional eligibility specialist to address the community health resource needs of the individuals in custody and to assist with application for Oregon Health Plan benefits upon release.

Program Summary

Corrections Health is legally mandated to ensure access to health care and safeguard the health of those detained at Multnomah County Detention Center, Multnomah County Inverness Jail and the Donald E. Long Home for youth. The core responsibility of Corrections Health is to provide a constitutional and community level of health care (medical, mental health and dental) to the individuals entrusted to our care. . That care is delivered to a population disproportionately involved in the justice system. As health risk and diseases rarely impact all communities equally, the work of Corrections Health addresses the groups disparately impacted.

The eligibility specialist meets with people in custody to assess their needs and provide resources to prepare them for successful release back into the community. A large part of this work involves ensuring people have access to sign up for the Oregon Health Plan in custody. The population in jails experience higher levels of mental health and substance use disorders, so ensuring people can sign up for health insurance before they are released allows them to have better access to treatment when they are released. That treatment improves their health, the health of their families and the health of the community to which they return.

Having an additional eligibility specialist will ensure that Corrections Health not only supports those who reach out for services but can also reach out to others in custody with an end goal of ensuring every person booked into custody has an opportunity to talk with someone about how to be successful when they are released. In a jail setting, most individuals do release back into the community, so supporting people in custody plays an important role in improving the health of our community as a whole.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Estimate	FY23 Offer
Output	Number of individuals releasing from custody who have been assessed with no Oregon Health Plan application n	500	535	535	1070
Outcome	Number of Oregon Health Plan applications completed for individuals releasing from custody	350	375	375	750

Performance Measures Descriptions

Measure 1: number of individuals releasing from custody who did not require Oregon Health Plan application but received other services
Measure 2: number of Oregon Health Plan applications completed for individuals releasing from custody

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Necessary health care for incarcerated individuals is a right because they do not have the freedom to obtain care on their own. Appropriate access to care and timely evaluation by a health professional is mandated by the 4th, 8th and 14th amendments. When serious health needs are not adequately addressed by professionals, that deliberate indifference to medical needs may bring harm to individuals entrusted to our care and increase liability for the County. Corrections Health is bound by ethical standards to provide unbiased care to all individuals based on community standards of care.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Requested General Fund	Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2022	2022	2023	2023
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$96,425	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$96,425	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$96,425	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

As a result of the current laws that govern the responsibilities of governmental agencies in the care of detained individuals, Corrections Health is unable to bill for services from Medicare and Medicaid. These rules and laws are under review nationally to determine if additional revenue sources can be made available to jails. Provider assessments, treatments, screenings, diagnostic tests and communicable diseases tests are performed at no charge. Medications are provided at no charge. Necessary clinical care is provided regardless of the detainee's ability to pay.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: