

Department: County Human Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing

Program Offer Stage: Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:
Executive Summary

The Adult Care Home Program (ACHP) licenses and monitors adult care homes. It provides equitable access to adult care homes. ACHP licenses homes to ensure compliance with rules and regulations. Adult care homes are single-family homes in residential neighborhoods. They house and care for up to five adults in a homelike environment. Adult care homes serve people with intellectual, physical, and developmental disabilities, older adults, and behavioral health populations.

Program Description

ISSUE: The State values the goal of reducing Medicaid costs and increasing choice. The State works to invest more Medicaid dollars in community settings. These settings are less costly than nursing facilities. Adult care homes are single-family homes in residential neighborhoods. They house and care for up to five adults in a homelike environment. These homes are a vital alternative to nursing facilities. Multnomah county has most of the nursing facilities in the state.

PROGRAM GOAL: The program regulates adult care homes. It ensures residents receive appropriate, person-directed, culturally specific, and safe services. A State exemption allows ACHP to create local licensing regulations. These regulations are the Multnomah County Administrative Rules (MCARs). The local regulations meet or exceed State requirements for adult care homes. They ensure the highest quality and safety for residents.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: The ACHP receives, reviews, and approves license applications. The program monitors licenses for adult care homes. Licensing includes background checks and role approvals for staff. Licensing also monitors home and operator compliance with MCARs. ACHP provides technical help and training for operators and staff. In-person inspections check resident personal care, socialization, and nutrition. Inspections check physical safety, nursing care, and medication management. At the start of FY22, the program reduced in-person licensing visits due to COVID-19 related restrictions. Essential visits to address health and safety concerns were still conducted. Full inspections were able to resume mid year. The program has been able to make up inspections for 97% of the homes delayed due to COVID. Noncompliance with licensing requirements results in progressive corrective action. Actions are based on the frequency, severity, and seriousness of harm. Corrective actions range from technical help to license sanctions or home closure. ACHP has a quality improvement process to ensure efficiency, data quality, and program outcomes. The ACHP has a Registered Nurse (RN) who offers equity based outreach and education. The RN focuses on topics disproportionately affecting the underserved and disadvantaged within our care homes.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of licensed homes in operation throughout the fiscal year ¹	685	640	675	655
Outcome	Percent of adult care homes that were licensed accurately and timely based on ACHP audit findings	87%	85%	85%	85%
Outcome	Percent of adult care home residents satisfied with services received in adult care homes	93%	90%	93%	93%
Outcome	Average Medicaid cost savings for adult care home residents compared to nursing facility placement ²	58%	50%	58%	50%

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹Reworded for clarity. Former wording: "Number of licensed homes."

²Average monthly Medicaid cost of services for the program population in an adult care home is \$5,322. This is 58% less than the \$12,791 basic monthly rate for a nursing facility placement.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

Multnomah County has a contract with the Oregon Department of Human Services to administer the licensing, monitoring, and training functions of Adult Care Homes. The Board of County Commissioners passed Multnomah County Resolution §23.66 - §223.999 establishing the Adult Care Home Program.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$81,396	\$3,984,462	\$86,344	\$4,231,161
Contractual Services	\$391,694	\$443,935	\$0	\$525,000
Materials & Supplies	\$13,059	\$22,458	\$0	\$35,149
Internal Services	\$10,969	\$1,321,425	\$7,301	\$1,167,393
Total GF/non-GF	\$497,118	\$5,772,280	\$93,645	\$5,958,703
Program Total:	\$6,269,398		\$6,052,348	
Program FTE	0.64	31.36	0.64	31.36

Program Revenues				
Fees, Permits & Charges	\$0	\$268,935	\$0	\$350,000
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$5,503,345	\$0	\$5,608,703
Total Revenue	\$0	\$5,772,280	\$0	\$5,958,703

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$521,278 in indirect revenues.

\$5,608,703 - Title XIX (Federal)

\$305,960 - Adult Care Home Program License Fees (Local)

\$31,590 - Adult Care Home Program Other Fees (Local)

\$12,450 - Adult Care Home Program Fines (Local)

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 25022 ADVSD Adult Care Home Program