

**Program #25133C - Medicaid 1115 Health Related Social Needs Housing Waiver****FY 2026 Adopted****Department:** County Human Services**Program Contact:** Lori Stegmann**Program Offer Type:** Operating**Program Offer Stage:** Adopted**Related Programs:****Program Characteristics:** New Request, One-Time-Only Request**Program Description**

ISSUE: The Department of County Human Services (DCHS) Youth and Family Services Division (YFS) has played a critical role in supporting CareOregon, Health Share and Trillium in the implementation of the Medicaid 1115 Waiver for Housing.

PROGRAM GOAL: Under the State of Oregon's 1115 Medicaid Demonstration Waiver for 2022-2027, Oregon Health Authority added a new class of Medicaid benefits for Health Related Social Needs (HRSN). The HRSN services include housing and nutrition support. The overall goal of this waiver is to improve health outcomes for low-income Oregonians and eliminate health inequities. State Medicaid Waiver funding is coordinated through local Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) such as Health Share of Oregon and CareOregon. These CCOs are partnering with Multnomah County to provide HRSN housing benefits. The County has become a key provider of HRSN Housing assistance, due to DCHS's depth of experience and existing business processes to help prevent evictions. This program will allow DCHS to continue providing rent and utilities assistance for clients. Up to six months of rental assistance and tenancy support, including rent and utility arrears, will be available to Medicaid members who are presently housed but are facing homelessness. Multnomah County will be reimbursed by CCOs for the rent and utility assistance provided to authorized CCO members.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: The Medicaid waiver support will slow the inflow of housed individuals and families into homelessness, by increasing the rent assistance available in the community for eligible households. The need for rent assistance far outweighs the amount of rent assistance available. The Medicaid waiver is available for current Medicaid recipients who also meet several other criteria including a clinical risk factor. This program is set to sunset in 2027 if no changes are made to Medicaid eligibility or use under the federal budget before that time.

PROGRAM OUTPUTS:

- Provide rent and utility assistance to Medicaid recipients facing homelessness.
- Improve health outcomes and address health inequities for low-income residents.
- Slow the inflow of homelessness by increasing rent assistance.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of households receiving rent, utilities, or other Medicaid Waiver benefits	N/A	N/A	N/A	600
	Number of active evictions prevented through rent assistance	N/A	N/A	N/A	240

Performance Measures Descriptions

Rent and utility payments are for 6 months per household, not to exceed \$18,000. FY 2026 target amount represents 3 months of program activity due to the uncertainty related to Medicaid.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000
Program Total:	\$0		\$10,000,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000

Explanation of Revenues

\$10,000,000 - Federal Coordinated Care Organization 93.778 (Federal)
This funding is for only the first 3 months of the fiscal year considering the uncertainty related to Medicaid.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: