

Program #40016 - FQHC-Medicaid/Medicare Eligibility

FY 2024 Department Requested

Department: Health Department Program Contact: Belma Nunez

Program Offer Type: Existing Program Offer Stage: Department Requested

**Related Programs:** 

Program Characteristics: In Target

#### **Executive Summary**

Integrated Clinical Services (ICS) is the largest Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in Oregon, providing high-quality, patient-centered health care and related services to communities across Multnomah County.

The Medicaid Enrollment program assists uninsured and under-insured Oregonians to gain access to health services by providing application and enrollment assistance and advocacy to families and children applying for state and federally provided Medical and Dental coverage as well as other forms of assistance.

### **Program Description**

The Health Center welcomes all county persons, regardless of insurance status, ability to pay, or documentation status. Our health center prioritizes culturally and linguistically appropriate care, supporting patients in a way that works for them. Over sixty percent of our patients identify as people of color, and more than 40% are best served in a language other than English, including more than 100 different languages. Nearly 15% of our patients have no insurance, and 95% of our clients live below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline. All programs within ICS are committed to improving health outcomes, reducing health disparities and ensuring affordable, quality access to healthcare.

The Medicaid Enrollment program assists uninsured and under-insured Oregonians to gain access to health services by providing application and enrollment assistance and advocacy to families and children applying for state and federally provided Medical and Dental coverage as well as other forms of assistance. Patients are also screened for eligibility to sliding scale (discounted fees) for services received if they are unable to obtain other coverage. Last year, more than 15,000 clients were screened and there were 1,300 projected enrollments into OHP.

The Medicaid Enrollment program provides outreach and education efforts that increase the number of clients who complete the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) enrollment process; access to health care services (particularly for pregnant women and children); and ensures continuity of coverage at recertification.

Starting in March 2020, Eligibility transitioned to screening clients both in person and by phone due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The introduction of the phone line allowed for clients to call in and reach an eligibility specialist to apply for OHP benefits, the sliding scale discount or other medical assistance programs. The Oregon Health Authority relaxed rules for obtaining signatures which allowed for applications to be completed by phone with virtual consent given by the client. Clients are still able to walk in and see an eligibility specialist at any primary care clinic for their eligibility needs.

Performance Measures								
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer			
Output	Annual number of clients screened	15,287	15,000	15,000	16,000			
Outcome	% of Self Pay Patients in Medical	12.3%	14%	20.1%	11.5%			
Outcome	% of Self Pay Patients in Dental	4.84%	7.35%	3%	7.78%			

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

Output: Annual number of clients completing financial screening to determine eligibility for available programs Outcome: % of self-pay patients in medical and dental to ensure that patients are screened for services available

## **Legal / Contractual Obligation**

The Medicaid Enrollment Prog. is on contract with the State Division of Medical Assistance Progs. to provide application and enrollment assistance to all OHP/Medicaid eligibles including education regarding managed health care. Information shall include establishing a Date of Request or effective date of coverage, managed medical, dental, and mental health care, covered services (including preventive and emergent), client rights and responsibilities, and the grievance and appeal process. Medical Assistance is in the scope of the Primary Care 330 Grant and must follow the HRSA Community Health Center Program operational and fiscal compliance requirements.

# Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Personnel	\$0	\$2,167,626	\$0	\$2,388,589
Contractual Services	\$0	\$24,000	\$0	\$18,000
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$14,523	\$0	\$13,491
Internal Services	\$0	\$630,577	\$0	\$689,063
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$2,836,726	\$0	\$3,109,143
Program Total:	\$2,836,726		\$3,109,143	
Program FTE	0.00	20.00	0.00	20.40

Program Revenues							
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$223,895			
Service Charges	\$0	\$2,836,726	\$0	\$2,885,248			
Total Revenue	\$0	\$2,836,726	\$0	\$3,109,143			

#### **Explanation of Revenues**

This program generates \$333,686 in indirect revenues.

Medicaid/Medicare eligibility receives funding from the Division of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP) which provides compensation to eligible Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) for outreach activities. DMAP provides compensation through calculating a rate that is equal to 100% of allowable, specific direct costs according to OAR 410-147-0400.

- \$ 223,895 HD FQHC PC330 NPC GY22
- \$ 903,587 HD FQHC FQHC Medicaid Wraparound
- \$ 1,981,661 HD FQHC OHP Enrollment Mcaid FFS

# **Significant Program Changes**

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 40016 FQHC-Medicaid/Medicare Eligibility

The program has partially transitioned to telework due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including an adjustment in operations to allow for services by telephone.

Clients enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan have maintained their current benefit level throughout the pandemic. This has led to a significant reduction in the number of OHP new and renewal applications processed at the Health Center. Beginning in mid-FY 2022, the FQHC revenue and expenses were transferred from the General Fund into a newly created FQHC Enterprise Fund which is shown in Other Funds.