

SCM OPI-M Talking Points and ECM team contacts

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This tool can be used by the SCM's to help guide conversations that they have with consumers about OPI-M during critical points of the process including prior to the ECM making contact. The intention is to ensure that the consumer is prepared and as informed as possible about OPI-M.

INITIAL CONTACT WITH CONSUMER REGARDING OPI-M

Calling re: Oregon Project Independence (OPI) waitlist, or Oregon Project Independence Medicaid (OPI-M) for current OPI/OAA consumers:

- OPI-M is a new Federally funded (Medicaid) program that is similar to OPI. OPI provides limited in-home services to individuals who need assistance with their daily care needs and support to unpaid caregivers (family, friends)
- OPI and OPI-Expansion will remain as program options but will be very limited in the future with a much smaller budget and much smaller capacity once OPI-M is fully implemented next year.
- An Eligibility Case Manager from the local Area Agency on Aging, Aging, Disability and Veterans Services will be reaching out (working through a list - no timeline available) to discuss OPI-M
- An in-home assessment will be required and will be scheduled with this Case Manager. It's the same assessment I have done with you for OPI.
- When the Eligibility Case Manager calls you, they will provide a deeper explanation about OPI-M and answer questions.
- The program does require that they ask about your income and assets so don't be alarmed about that.

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- The program will be able to offer you a higher level of services, which will be really helpful and won't be limited by the funding, like the current OPI program is.
- If you are eligible then I will be back in touch with you and we will talk more in depth about your actual service needs and I will be the one to work with you to set up your service plan.

ECM/SCM Communication chart available for reference on the Provider Page.

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OPI-M comparisons to Medicaid/OPI programs

- OPI-M has a higher income limit ($\$1255 \times 4 = \5020 gross income per month) than Medicaid does.
- Medicaid programs have a resource limit of \$2,000. OPI-M has a resource limit for a household of one, of approximately \$94,000.
- OPI has a one-time fee and a potential monthly fee based on a sliding scale. OPI-M does not have any monthly fees.
- OPI currently allows for up to 8 hours of in-home services per pay period (every 2 weeks). OPI-M allows for additional hours per pay period, up to 40 hrs per pay period.
- Estate recovery does not apply to OPI-M (previous Medicaid services does not get erased and estate recovery for other Medicaid benefits will apply for the time periods received)
- Services/supports that can be provided through OPI-M:
 - Emergency Response System
 - Home delivered meals
 - Transportation
 - Shopping(not Store 2 Door)
 - Assistive Technology
 - Chore Services
 - Home Modifications
 - Adult Day Service
 - Caregiver Training
 - Supportive Services (i.e. support group)
 - LTCCN
- Eligibility will be determined by Aging, Disability and Veterans Services
- Case planning and management will be provided through a community partner agency