

Overview of the Delivery System for Medicaid and Long Term Services & Supports to Seniors and People with Disabilities

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) is required between Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) and the organizations that authorize Medicaid-funded long term services and supports (LTSS) within the CCO service delivery area. These organizations are either contracted local Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) or state DHS Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) offices. Services provided by these organizations include:

- Medicaid financial eligibility and enrollment for Aged, Blind or Disabled individuals
- Financial eligibility and enrollment for Medicare low income co-pay programs and Part D assistance.
- Eligibility/enrollment into the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Service eligibility determinations for Medicaid long term services and supports for the elderly and people with disabilities except those with an intellectual/developmental disability or a mental illness.
- Authorization for a range of support services in licensed care settings or in the individual's home. Services include:
 - personal care for Activities of Daily Living and Instrumental Activities of Daily living;
 - home delivered meals for individuals living in their own home,
 - non-medical transportation related to ADL and IADL needs,
 - nurse delegation and monitoring;
- Licensed care settings and providers include:
 - Adult Foster Homes;
 - Nursing Facilities;
 - Assisted Living Facilities;
 - Residential Care Facilities; and
 - In-home Care Agencies
- Case management and coordination of service plans
- Pre- Admission Screening, Private Admission Assessment, Diversion/Transition or related activities designed to support client choice during transitions between hospitals, nursing facility skilled care and long-term care funded placements

- Adult Protective Services

AGING and PEOPLE with DISABILITIES (APD) PROGRAMS

Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) is a program within the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS). The services described above are accessed through one of two types of local service delivery arrangements:

1) Intergovernmental Agreements with local Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) to deliver these same services. The AAAs that provide these services are called 'Type B' AAAs. They are local government entities who under Oregon Revised Statutes have the right to select whether to directly administer Medicaid and other programs for seniors and persons with physical disabilities.

2) If a local government does not choose to become a AAA, APD has a field structure of local state offices located throughout the state staffed by state employees who deliver Medicaid services (including long term services and supports), protective service and regulatory programs in local communities.

DHS/APD STATE OFFICES

State offices are organized by county: there may be several offices within the county depending on the demographics, geography and the size and location of the older adults and persons with disabilities population. One or more counties can make up a district, overseen by a district manager. These APD offices must be included in the CCO/LTSS MOU when there is an overlap in the service delivery area of the district office and the CCO.

AREA AGENCIES ON AGING (AAA)

In areas where the AAA has decided to administer the Medicaid services, in addition to the OAA services described below, an MOU is required between the CCOs and the local AAA office.

All Area Agencies on Aging are designated by APD to meet the requirements in the federal Older Americans Act and Oregon Revised Statute Chapter 410 in planning and providing services to the elderly and adults with physical disabilities in their region. The Older Americans Act services are not Medicaid services and generally are not means tested. All AAAs provide these programs, including

Oregon Project Independence, prevention and wellness programs including chronic disease management, information/assistance/outreach, in-home assistance, family caregiver supports, respite, transportation, home and congregate meals, legal assistance, caregiver counseling/support, training. All AAAs have significant expertise in providing these critical social supports to CCO members, making them important community partners for CCOs.