

Program # 25048 - MH Emergency Holds

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Priority:	Safety Net Services	Lead Agency:	County Human
Program Offer Type:	Existing Operating	Program Contact:	Nancy Winters
Related Programs:	25049, 25055		
Frameworks:	Poverty Framework		

Executive Summary

When an uninsured person is held in the hospital against their will because they are a danger to themselves or others or unable to care for themselves, the County is responsible for paying for the hospital stay. The County receives State funding to pay for Multnomah County residents without Verity Oregon Health Plan or other commercial insurance.

Program Description

This program is a State mandated function. The County is responsible for payment for vulnerable, uninsured individuals who are hospitalized on a psychiatric inpatient unit because they have been determined to be a danger to themselves or to others or they are unable to care for their basic needs. The County receives funding from the State. County staff review each emergency hold to see if it was medically necessary and process payment for those they deem appropriate. This program is connected to the involuntary commitment process which includes keeping individuals safe, linking them to comprehensive community supports and services to treat and stabilize their symptoms, while making sure that the individual's civil rights are not violated.

Program Justification

This program directly links to the priorities of the Basic Living Needs strategy by providing access to behavioral health care for individuals who are experiencing a mental health crisis, despite their lack of insurance coverage. During the time they are receiving treatment in the hospital, they can be linked with other comprehensive social services and community supports.

This program links to the Poverty Elimination Framework by paying for adequate healthcare and needed social services for those vulnerable individuals with mental health symptoms who would otherwise be unable to access or pay for such care.

Performance Measures

Total Emergency Holds for Uninsured Multnomah County Residents, Cost Incurred Based on Uninsured Hospital Days, and Payments Made Based on Hospital Claims measure the volume of hospitalizations and the cost that the County is at risk for when someone is held against their will. Total Emergency Holds for Uninsured Multnomah County Residents volumes help to identify service gaps in the Oregon Health Plan Coverage or other adult mental health system capacity. This is a measure of high cost services for life threatening needs when other health care insurance is unavailable.

Summary of last year's program results and this year's expected results

The number of individuals who will be kept safe from harm by an emergency hold is expected to remain consistent this year. Total Holds for Uninsured Multnomah County Residents was almost twice as high during FY04 when Oregon Health Plan Standard members lost their mental health benefits than during most of FY03.

Uninsured residents held against their will in the hospital for their own safety in FY04 was 533. A five percent decrease is expected in FY05.

Cost Incurred based on uninsured hospital days FY04 was \$1,626,642.26.

Payments made based on hospital claims received FY04 was \$1,471,962.03.

Program Mandate: 1 Mandated Program & Funding Level

Oregon Revised Statute 426.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2005	2005	2006	2006
Program Expenses				
Contracts	\$0	\$824,429	\$0	\$1,055,000
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$824,429	\$0	\$1,055,000
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$8,544	\$24,178
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$24,435	\$28,056
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$32,979	\$52,234
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$824,429	\$32,979	\$1,107,234
Program Total:	\$824,429		\$1,140,213	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$824,429	\$0	\$1,055,000
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$52,234
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$824,429	\$0	\$1,107,234

Explanation of Revenues

This is almost entirely funded with State dollars specified for this purpose.

Significant Program Changes

None Anticipated.