

Priority: Basic Needs
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 25058A, 25059A

Lead Agency: County Human Services
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The County is the payer of last resort for citizens placed on a Notice of Mental Illness (Emergency Hold). County staff review claims submitted by hospitals after the hospital has completed the required steps to show all consumer financial resources have been exhausted.

Program Description

An emergency hold is generated when a physician writes a Notice of Mental Illness when s/he believes the individual has a mental illness and is in imminent danger to himself or others. The Notice of Mental Illness enables the individual to be held in the hospital, against their will, while a pre-commitment investigator evaluates the individual and the evidence to determine if a pre-commitment hearing recommendation should be filed with the circuit court. The investigator may drop the hold, believing the individual is not a danger to himself or others or take the case to hearing. If the Judge determines the need for commitment. If committed, the individual is returned to the hospital and the case is turned over to Multnomah Co. Commitment Monitors. After the conclusion of a hospital stay, the Acute Care Hospital completes required steps to show that all consumer financial resources for payment of the time the individual was on an emergency hold have been exhausted. Once they have established that the individual has no financial resources to pay for the hospital time, the hospital submits a claim for payment to the County, as the payor of last resort. County staff review claims to determine if payment is indicated.

Program Justification

Emergency Holds (Notice of Mental Illness) are the first step in the continuum of care related to pre and post commitment services. This program links directly to the Basic Living Needs priority by providing payment for care and service coordination for individuals who are experiencing a mental health crisis, regardless of their insurance and/or ability to pay. This program provides payment for adequate mental health care services for those at imminent risk of danger to themselves or others due to a mental health crisis, who do not have any ability to pay for their own care.

Performance Measures

| Measure Type | Primary Measure | Previous Year Actual (FY04-05) | Current Year Purchased (FY05-06) | Current Year Estimate (FY05-06) | Next Year Offer (FY06-07) |
|--------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Output | Total Emergency Holds for indigent County residents | 624 | 736 | 736 | 850 |
| Outcome | % of indigent claims processed in 30 days or less from date of receipt (New) | 0% | 50% | 50% | 75% |

Performance Measure - Description

Hospital claims for payment of emergency holds for patients determined to be indigent must be filed with Mental Health and Addiction Services Division (MHASD) within 1 year of service. The 1 year time frame does result in a lag time in data input accuracy. MHASD policy is hospital claims for payment will be processed within 30 days of receipt. A system to track the processing of claims was initiated 11/05/05. The Current Year data is based on claims backlogged from July-October 05 and November & December 05.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Oregon Revised Statute 426 obligates County as payor of last resort for Emergency Holds.

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | 2006 | 2006 | 2007 | 2007 |
| Program Expenses | | | | |
| Contracts | \$0 | \$1,055,000 | \$0 | \$1,357,639 |
| Subtotal: Direct Exps: | \$0 | \$1,055,000 | \$0 | \$1,357,639 |
| Administration | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$46,080 |
| Program Support | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$67,079 |
| Subtotal: Other Exps: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$113,159 |
| Total GF/non-GF: | \$0 | \$1,055,000 | \$0 | \$1,470,798 |
| Program Total: | \$1,055,000 | | \$1,470,798 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Program Revenues | | | | |
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$1,055,000 | \$0 | \$1,357,639 |
| Program Revenue for Admin | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$113,159 |
| Total Revenue: | \$0 | \$1,055,000 | \$0 | \$1,470,798 |

Explanation of Revenues

\$1,357,639 from State Mental Health Grant Award per 05-07 biennium contract.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #25048, MH Emergency Holds