

Priority: Basic Needs **Lead Agency:** County Human Services
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating **Program Contact:** Mary Shortall
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Backfill State/Federal/Grant

Executive Summary

This offer purchases seven positions including professional nursing, case management, support and supervisory staff for programs serving vulnerable populations. These key positions were previously purchased by the Board as a partial restoration to State cuts in order to lessen the impact on client services. This purchase provides staffing at the current level. These positions provide all the services outlined in the Long Term Care Program offer and enhance services by adding medical expertise for complex cases and reducing caseload size for case managers.

Program Description

These positions provide direct services to seniors and people with disabilities by:
 Nursing expertise: 1) Screens clients for nursing home criteria. 2) Assesses new applicants with multiple diagnosis and/or indicators of mental illness or developmental disability. 3) Consults on complex cases, links with medical experts and provides professional guidance on community care plans.

Case Management: 1) Determines eligibility for Oregon Health Plan, Food Stamps and financial assistance. 2) Annually assesses and adjusts care plans and authorizes needed services. 3) Meets new responsibility to assist client with choice of drug plan.

Program Justification

This offer is needed to provide staffing to improve level of quality and responsiveness needed to assure access to care for seniors and people with disabilities and to provide clients with the level of service needed to address immediate care needs.

The Community Health Nurses provide medical expertise as part of comprehensive care planning to adequately address chronic and urgent care needs for persons with dual diagnoses or complex medical needs. Without this purchase we will not have medical professional expertise for nursing home screenings and assessments to determine level of care needs and access appropriate Medicaid service (ADS, Mental Health, or Developmental Disabilities).

Adding case management, support and supervisory staff to maintain current levels will prevent ADS from increasing already high caseloads (105 clients/worker) and provide needed support and supervisory positions to address increasing workload associated with State cuts. Supervisors assumed training, policy analysis, and quality review functions when cuts were made to program support in July and October '05. Without this purchase we will have difficulty meeting staff/union request for more time from supervisor to help prioritize work.

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 | Decrease in # of clients on case manager caseloads | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Outcome | Increase in # of annual Nursing Home Pre Admission Screenings done by nurses | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,200 |

Performance Measure - Description

Client count remains the same for Long Term Care regardless of whether scale is purchased. This offer provides staffing to reduce caseload size, improve service quality and response time, and by retaining medical expertise, case management and case management support capacity. If not purchased 1,200 nursing home Pre Admission Screenings will need to be done by intake case managers, caseload sizes will increase, and support to respond to urgent client needs will decrease.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Section 1903(a) of the Social Security Act, 42 CFR - Medicaid Administration; 7 CFR - Food Stamps; Sections 1915c and 1115 of Title XIX of the Social Security Act. All Oregon Administrative rules related to and governing programs administered by Aging and Disability Services.

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds | Proposed General Fund | Proposed Other Funds |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Program Expenses | 2006 | 2006 | 2007 | 2007 |
| Personnel | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$554,068 |
| Contracts | \$0 | \$0 | \$261,821 | \$0 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$8,514 |
| Internal Services | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$19,241 |
| Subtotal: Direct Exps: | \$0 | \$0 | \$261,821 | \$581,823 |
| Administration | \$0 | \$0 | \$36,210 | \$0 |
| Program Support | \$0 | \$0 | \$97,217 | \$0 |
| Subtotal: Other Exps: | \$0 | \$0 | \$133,427 | \$0 |
| Total GF/non-GF: | \$0 | \$0 | \$395,248 | \$581,823 |
| Program Total: | \$0 | | \$977,071 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 7.00 |
| Program Revenues | | | | |
| Indirect for dep't Admin | \$0 | \$0 | \$5,401 | \$0 |
| Intergovernmental | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$581,823 |
| Program Revenue for Admin | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total Revenue: | \$0 | \$0 | \$5,401 | \$581,823 |

Explanation of Revenues

These seven positions were purchased October '05 with one time only funds requiring this scaled offer to be requested (2 Community Health Nurses positions, 2 Case Manager 2 positions, 2 Case Management Assistant positions, and 1 Program Supervisor position). County general funds are matched to leverage 55% additional federal funds. \$261,821 CGF match expenditure is used to generate \$581,824 federal Medicaid funds. Match rate is 45/55.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #25010, ADS Long Term Care (LTC)

Staff reductions occurred beyond those tied to program loss because of a change in the way the State calculates caseload and FTE. This new methodology negatively impacts ADS and is currently under State review. The board provided partial restoration in October '05 by purchasing seven positions to maintain professional nursing staff, case management capacity and to lessen the impact of staff reductions on clients. We are asking for these positions in this scaled offer.