

**Priority:** Basic Needs  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating  
**Related Programs:** 25055, 25062

**Lead Agency:** County Human Services  
**Program Contact:** Karl Brimner

**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

Program places Oregon Health Plan-enrolled children and adults who are experiencing a mental health crisis in hospitals in order to safely stabilize their symptoms. The program is funded entirely by Oregon Health Plan. The average length of stay for adults is 8.3 days. The average length of stay for children is 7.1 days.

**Program Description**

Verity is the Mental Health Organization for Multnomah County residents with Oregon Health Plan insurance. Inpatient psychiatric hospitalization is one of the insurance benefits covered under the Verity Adult System of Care. The County receives State funding for this specific acute level of care. Admission for inpatient psychiatric care is based on medical necessity and clinical criteria. Inpatient psychiatric care is the highest level of psychiatric treatment necessary when community treatment has not been adequate to prevent a crisis or manage severe mental health symptoms. It is also the most costly level of care. The Multnomah County Mental Health Call Center triages admission to this level of care and ensures that coordination takes place between the hospital and community provider for smooth transition back to the community once an individual is discharged. With this level of care coordination, possible gaps in service are identified and referrals to appropriate service are made reducing the financial risk to the county.

**Program Justification**

Inpatient psychiatric care is a necessary service for individuals with mentally illness who are at risk of harming themselves and/or others and cannot remain safe in the community. While a Verity member is hospitalized, the Call Center communicates with the inpatient unit and coordinates community supports and services that will facilitate longer-term recovery in the community to prevent another crisis or readmission. The case management/care coordination component of this program supports the Basic Living Needs Outcome Team's request for offers that provide crisis intervention and coordination of services. By assuring emergency psychiatric healthcare, the program also supports the Outcome Team's request for offers assuring healthcare for vulnerable members of the community.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY05-06)	Current Year Purchased (FY06-07)	Current Year Estimate (FY06-07)	Next Year Offer (FY07-08)
Output	Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital Days Per Thousand Member Months*1	12	10	10	10
Outcome	Average Length of Hospital Stay*2	8	8	8	8
Quality	Percent Readmitted To Hospital Within 30 Days After Discharge.	18.4%	10.0%	17.9%	16.0%
Efficiency	Percent of OHP Revenue Spent On Inpatient Care	11.3%	12.0%	10.1%	10.1%

**Performance Measure - Description**

- \*1 Sum of bed days for the measurement period divided by the sum of member months for the measurement period divided by 1000.
- \*2 Sum of bed days for the measurement period divided by the sum of discharges for the measurement period.
- \*3 Readmission Rate Numerator:  
Count of hospital admissions that are within 30 days of a previous hospital discharge. Statewide average 30-day readmission 2003 8.7%
- Readmission Rate Denominator:  
The count of hospital discharges within the look-back time period.
- \*4 OHP Revenue Spent on Inpatient Care Numerator: Amount of OHP Revenue Spent on Inpatient Hospitalizations.  
OHP Revenue Spent on Inpatient Care Denominator: Total OHP Revenue.

**Legal/Contractual Obligation**

State of Oregon, Mental Health Organization contract, Statement of Work.

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2007	2007	2008	2008
<b>Program Expenses</b>				
Contracts	\$0	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$3,000,000
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>
Administration	\$0	\$81,754	\$0	\$98,087
Program Support	\$0	\$177,149	\$0	\$206,766
Subtotal: Other Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$258,903</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$304,853</b>
Total GF/non-GF:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,258,903</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,304,853</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$4,258,903</b>		<b>\$3,304,853</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$3,000,000
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$258,903	\$0	\$304,853
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,258,903</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,304,853</b>

**Explanation of Revenues**

Oregon Health Plan revenue based on the Governor's budget and December premium rates with 63,605 insured members - \$3,000,000.

**Significant Program Changes**Last year this program was: #25103, Mental Health Inpatient Services - Verity