

**Priority:** Basic Needs **Lead Agency:** County Human Services  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating **Program Contact:** Karl Brimner  
**Related Programs:** 25058A, 25058B, 25058C

**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

Involuntary Commitment Program (ICP) staff investigate and determine whether individuals on an emergency hold present an imminent risk of harm to themselves or others and if a pre-commitment hearing recommendation should be made to the Circuit Court. The Governor's Recommended Budget cut funding for this program to 50% of current service level in one service element (MHS 24) and to 10% in another (MHS 20). This offer assumes that the State of Oregon Joint Ways and Means Committee plans to restore funding to 75% and 55% of current service level. Purchasing offer 25058A and 25058D will restore partial, but not all, funding that pays for ICP staff.

**Program Description**

The Involuntary Commitment Program (ICP) is a requirement of the county as the Local Mental Health Authority. ICP staff investigate all emergency holds to determine if the individual's mental health status warrants a recommendation a civil commitment in Circuit Court. When staff recommend a hearing, Oregon Revised Statute 426.110 through 426.120 requires that a court examiner make an independent recommendation to the Judge. ICP is a required function for the county. The county is responsible for payment of involuntary hospital holds for indigent individuals. ICP staff reduce county commitment costs by rapid investigations and dismissal of holds.

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**Program Justification**

These services fit the Basic Living Needs priority by addressing the needs of mentally ill county residents at the highest level of care. Services provide care and service coordination, ensure adequacy and appropriateness of resources and provide protection of legal and civil rights. Services fit the Poverty Elimination Framework by funding mental health care for indigent individuals who present a risk to their own safety or the safety of others.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY07-08)	Current Year Purchased (FY08-09)	Current Year Estimate (FY08-09)	Next Year Offer (FY09-10)
Output	Number of E-holds for indigent county residents *1	1,059	1,000	1,154	1,270
Outcome	% of total E-holds that went to Court hearing *2	7.2%	8.0%	6.5%	6.5%
Output	Number of commitments monitored	530	800	625	600
Outcome	% of total E-holds with a hearing that result in commitment *3	71.8%	66.9%	65.0%	60.0%

**Performance Measure - Description**

- 1 - Indigent E-holds are a subset of the total number (4523) of holds in Multnomah County. Despite any reduction in funding that may result in staff cuts, we are legally required to provide the same level of service.
- 2 - Outcomes measure staff effectiveness apply ORS 426.
- 3 - This measure is the percentage of E-hold court hearings that result in a commitment. This percentage is dropping as a result of increased conservativeness of the Circuit Court and State Appellate Court in interpreting ORS 426. The FY09-10 offer retains the output and outcomes for expected e-holds as this is a mandated service per ORS426, regardless of state funding cuts. Statutory timeframes for investigations cannot be met with reduced staffing and would require overtime and on-call expenditures.

**Legal/Contractual Obligation**

Oregon Revised Statute 426.005 to 426.415

**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2009	2009	2010	2010
<b>Program Expenses</b>				
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$463,853
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$415,855
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$879,708</b>
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Total GF/non-GF:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$879,708</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$879,708</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$879,708
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$879,708</b>

**Explanation of Revenues**

State Mental Health Grant Non-Res Adult - \$ 235,359  
State Mental Health Grant Regional Acute Inp Fac - \$644,349

**Significant Program Changes**

**Last year this program was:** #25058, MH Commitment Services

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