

**Program # 25066 - Mental Health Organization Provider Tax (Verity)**

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

**Lead Agency:** County Human Services  
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**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

The county's managed mental health organization, Verity, is required to pay a 5.5% provider tax to the state to leverage additional federal funds for the Oregon Health Plan. The additional funds received by the state are then redistributed through the Oregon Health Plan reimbursement.

**Program Description**

The Oregon State Legislature approved a tax on managed care plans to support benefits for Oregon Health Plan Standard enrollees. The dollars raised by the tax on managed care plans are eligible to be matched by federal Medicaid funds. The federal government will match every dollar the State raises with \$1.50. This additional money is used by the State to fund Oregon Health Plan benefits so that individuals at a higher percentage of the federal poverty level can receive healthcare, including mental health care.

**Program Justification**

The Provider Tax links to the Basic Needs priority as well as the Poverty Elimination Framework by providing access to care for more people in need. Without insurance to cover outpatient mental health treatment, mentally ill individuals are more likely to experience a psychiatric crisis that requires them to be hospitalized. The provider tax helps provide OHP insurance coverage to additional county residents and, by making it possible to obtain treatment for mental health issues, prevents the use of more expensive levels of care such as inpatient hospitalization.

**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		0	0	0	0
Outcome		0	0	0	0

**Performance Measure - Description**

N/A

## Legal/Contractual Obligation

Provider Tax is a requirement of participation in Oregon Health Plan as a Mental Health Organization under contract with the State of Oregon.

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2009	2009	2010	2010
<b>Program Expenses</b>				
Contracts	\$0	\$1,967,067	\$0	\$2,188,844
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,967,067</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,188,844</b>
Administration	\$0	\$68,581	\$0	\$75,674
Program Support	\$0	\$131,626	\$0	\$150,307
Subtotal: Other Exps:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$200,207</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$225,981</b>
Total GF/non-GF:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,167,274</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,414,825</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$2,167,274</b>		<b>\$2,414,825</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,967,067	\$0	\$2,188,844
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,967,067</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,188,844</b>

## Explanation of Revenues

OHP Premium - \$2,188,844

## Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #25066, Mental Health Organization Provider Tax (Verity)