

A County-wide Approach to Medicaid Expansion

Presentation to the Board of County Commissioners

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Implementing the Affordable Care Act

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires everyone to have health insurance by January 2014.

The county is focusing efforts on a two-pronged approach:

- Outreach and enrollment into public (Oregon Health Plan) or private insurance; and
- Expanding our capacity to serve clients



Who will be insured?

- Poor who will now qualify for the Oregon Health Plan
- Working poor and low-income folks will benefit from assistance to purchase private insurance
- Fast track enrollment for current beneficiaries of food stamps (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)



Coordinated approach to enrollment

We are working across the county to ensure that our residents gain access to health insurance and financial assistance using Cover Oregon.



Libraries as trusted source of information

As a trusted community resource, libraries have a natural role to play in this work.

Library staff proficient in six languages and have specific cultural competencies.

Library will provide:

- Meeting space, as available, in all libraries
- Space to display written materials in multiple languages



Justice involved clients: new opportunities under Medicaid expansion

- Educate staff and clients
- Staff trained as enrollers
- Outreach to clients who receive food stamps about fast track enrollment
- Focus on clients already on supervision, and those coming into the system
- Estimate 50% of clients may be eligible, or about 4,000 adults



Medicaid expansion in our health clinics

- 8 clinics and 13 school based health centers
- New Information and Referral line: 503-988-2228
- Federal grant supports existing eligibility specialists
- State grant funds mobile workers and resources to link to hard-to-reach populations



Medicaid expansion in our health clinics

- Currently serving 70,000 patients; approximately 22,000 uninsured.
- We expect 75% of the uninsured will convert to Medicaid coverage over time.
- We are already serving the uninsured and will continue to do so.



Expanding capacity in our health centers

- Expanding capacity within current foot print
- Capacity for some additional teams both medical and dental
- Be where patients need us



Medicaid expansion in Mental Health

- Providers will confirm enrollment for our clients receiving mental health treatment from the Multnomah Treatment Fund
- The following providers are participating:
 - Asian Health & Service Center
 - Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare Inc.
 - Central City Concern
 - Conexiones
 - Lifeworks NW
 - Luke Dorf
 - Lutheran Community Services
 - NARA



Aging & Disability Services: supporting client choice and information

- Case Managers continue to provide choice counseling and information to clients.
- ADRC, call center, and District Center staff being trained.
- Materials will be distributed.
- Information specific to our population developed and shared widely.



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- Resources:

www.coveroregon.com

www.healthcare.gov

www.enrollamerica.org

