

# Governor's 2022 Supplemental Budget Highlights Potentially Impacting In-Home Services

# **Department of Health**

# **Delays in Nursing Licenses**

Funding is provided for 10.0 FTE licensing staff to achieve faster turnaround on completed nursing licenses. (Health Professions Account - State)

### Long-Term Care Nursing Staff Crisis

The Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission will expand nursing assistant training and reduce the time someone needs to complete their nurse certification exam. The commission will also create an apprenticeship pathway to improve job prospects for nursing assistants and licensed practical nurses. (Health Professions Account - State, General Fund - State)

# **Nurse Preceptor Grants**

Funding is provided to set up a grant program to provide funding to nurses who are willing to supervise nursing students in health care settings. The goal of this program is to help reduce a shortage of health care settings for students to conduct their clinical hours and bring more nurses into the field. (General Fund - State)

#### SEIU 1199 General Government

The collective bargaining agreement includes a general wage increase of 3.25% for fiscal year 2023 and a retention bonus payable in two equal installments. (Health Professions Account - State, General Fund - Local, General Fund - Federal, other funds)

# **Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)**

### In-Home Provider PPE

In-home care providers provide personal care to Medicaid clients in the client's home. Personal protective equipment maintains the safety of the provider and client. Funding is provided to purchase, store, and distribute PPE to in-home providers. This assumes that Federal Emergency

Management Agency (FEMA) funding expires in March 2022. (General Fund - State, General Fund - Local CRC Oregon, General Fund - Medicaid Federal, other funds)

# **APS Abuse Registry**

Funding is provided to establish a process to review requests from providers to be removed from the Adult Protective Services (APS) vulnerable adult abuse registry. The new process will take into consideration varying degrees of harm perpetuated by an individual and any rehabilitation sought after an APS finding. (General Fund - Medicaid Federal, General Fund - State, General Fund - Local CRC Oregon, other funds)

#### **CDE Transition Costs**

In April 2022, the Consumer Directed Employer will become the new administrative employer for over 45,000 individual providers who serve clients in their home. Funds will be provided from DSHS to the new CDE in April. Funding is provided to account for premiums for paid family leave. (General Fund - Medicaid Federal, General Fund - State, General Fund - Local CRC Oregon, other funds

#### **COVID Positive Units**

Funds are provided for units in nursing homes specifically for patients with COVID-19. These units are separate from other nursing home residents and help create more capacity in acute care hospitals that are facing critical shortages of hospital beds due to the pandemic. (Coronavirus St Fiscal Recovery Fund - Federal)

### **Acute Care Hospital Capacity**

The COVID-19 pandemic led to a shortage of beds in acute care hospitals. From October through December 2021, ALTSA offered incentive payments to long-term care settings to take patients from acute care hospitals who have been in the hospital for more than 30 days without a discharge plan and who no longer need acute levels of care. (Coronavirus St Fiscal Recovery Fund - Federal)

# Case Management Ratios

Case managers conduct home visits, respond to safety concerns, and connect clients to health and community resources. Lower caseloads contribute to better health outcomes for clients and reduce the need for expensive institutional stays for clients. Funding is provided for 20.6 FTE staff to reduce the number of cases per case manager from 94 to 75 clients. (General Fund - Local CRC Oregon, General Fund - Medicaid Federal, General Fund - State, other funds)

# Personal Protective Equipment

Personal protective equipment helps contain the spread of COVID-19 and reduce infection rates. Funding is provided to purchase, store, and distribute PPE to DSHS employees. This assumes that Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding expires in March 2022. (General Fund - Medicaid Federal, Coronavirus St Fiscal Recovery Fund - Federal, General Fund - Cash, other funds)

### **Targeted Provider Rates**

Funding is provided to continue the COVID-19 rate enhancements that expired on December 31, 2021 to contracted providers. The rate enhancements are reduced by 20 percent every two quarters in fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2024. This includes appropriations related to unanticipated receipt number 0027. (General Fund - State, General Fund - Medicaid Federal, General Fund - Local CRC Oregon, other funds)

# **SEIU 775 Agency Providers Parity**

Funding is provided to for the homecare agency parity impacts of the agreement between the governor and the service employees international union healthcare 775nw. (General Fund - Medicaid Federal, General Fund - State, General Fund - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), other funds)

#### SEIU 775 In Home Providers

Funding is provided for the implementation of an agreement reached between the governor and the adult family home council under the provisions of chapter 41.56 RCW for fiscal year 2023. (General Fund - Medicaid Federal, General Fund - State, General Fund - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), other funds)

# **Health Care Authority**

#### **FMAP Increase**

The federal Families First Coronavirus Relief Act authorized additional Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) funds for the duration of the public health emergency. State funds are reduced and Medicaid spending is increased to reflect an additional 6.2 percent federal Medicaid matching rate from January through June 30, 2022. (General Fund - Local CRC Oregon, General Fund - Cash, General Fund - Medicaid Federal, other funds)

# **Acute Care Hospital Capacity**

Funding is provided for incentive payments to skilled nursing facilities to take Medicaid clients discharged from inpatient care. (Coronavirus St Fiscal Recovery Fund - Federal)