



Voluntary Provider Assessment

HB 4036 REDUCES CUTS TO SUPPORT SERVICES

FAST FACTS

- 6% across the board cuts in service provider rates over the past two years are already putting vulnerable citizens at risk.
- Additional 4% across the board cuts were planned for October 2011, but postponed to allow time for legislation to be passed in February 2012 as an emergency measure to protect essential services and jobs.
- The 1% voluntary provider assessment when matched with federal Medicaid dollars would offset more than 2% of the impending 4% reductions in funding.
- Almost \$9 Million in matching Medicaid funds could be obtained no cost to Oregon's General Fund.
- Similar hospital and health insurance carrier provider assessments are already used and generate revenue for the Oregon Health Plan.

Oregon's developmental disability service delivery system is effective in both controlling costs and improving life quality. Yet, cuts to these vital services sustained over the past two years place vulnerable individuals, families and communities in serious jeopardy.

The Voluntary Provider Assessment is proposed by the DD provider community has identified a way to minimize the severity and harm of those cuts by volunteering to pay a 1% provider assessment on contracted revenue.

This assessment would generate revenue and would be matched by nearly \$9 million in Medicaid dollars at no cost to Oregon's General Fund.

The voluntary provider assessment bill HB 4036 has been introduced this session by the House Revenue Committee, chaired by Representatives Barnhart and Berger.

Quality services and supports which secure the health, safety and inclusion of Oregonians with developmental disabilities and their families must be protected.

Support a 1% Voluntary Provider Assessment for DD services funded through DHS/SPD to help protect these necessary services and the jobs of those who provide them.

SUPPORT HB 4036!

