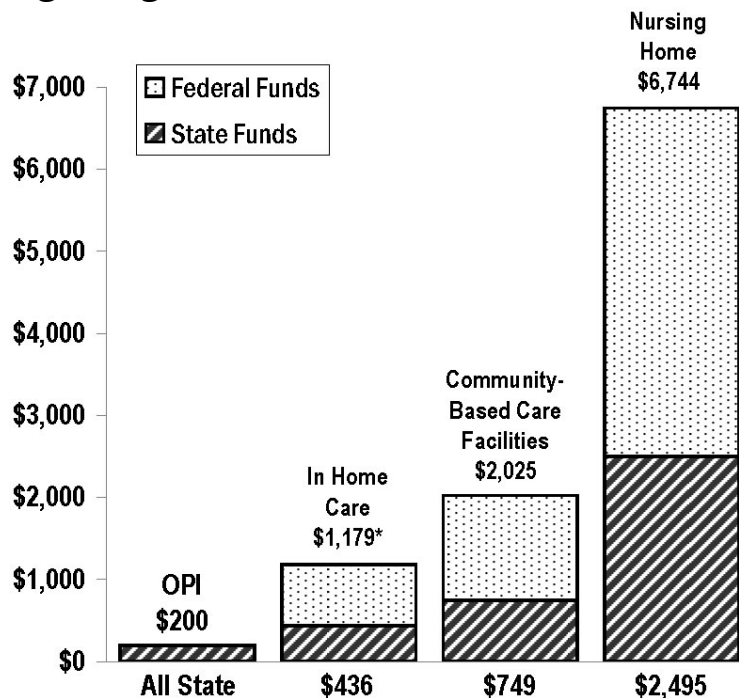




## Oregon Project Independence: *Serving Oregon's Neediest Seniors.*

Oregon Project Independence has successfully kept at-risk seniors in their own homes and off of expensive Medicaid services. **The financial pay-off is immediate.** It costs Oregon \$200 per month in **state funds** to serve a client through OPI, \$436 per month **state funds** to serve a Medicaid in-home service client; \$749 **state funds** per month to serve a Medicaid client in a Community-Based Care Facility; and \$2,495 per month in **state funds** to serve a Medicaid client in a nursing facility. The current match rate is 37 state/63 federal.



- ✓ **Seniors with more than \$1,806 in monthly income pay 100% of the cost of their service.** Only seniors with monthly income of less than \$903 per month are exempt from co-pays. People between those two amounts pay progressively higher co-pays as their income increases.
- ✓ Approximately 93% of all OPI clients are at income levels that would qualify them for Medicaid services, which is below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (about \$900 per month).
- ✓ Medicaid long-term care clients also receive the Oregon Health Plan benefits, at an additional cost to the state. OPI clients do not receive these benefits.
- ✓ With the proposed cuts in the Governor’s Budget, OPI would cut seniors currently receives services from the program, leaving them with very few alternatives other than to enter the Medicaid Program.

**Seniors who are able to remain at home with help from OPI are saving the state and federal budget over \$1 million for every 13 clients who are not in a nursing facility prematurely.**

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\*Excludes Home Care Worker benefits