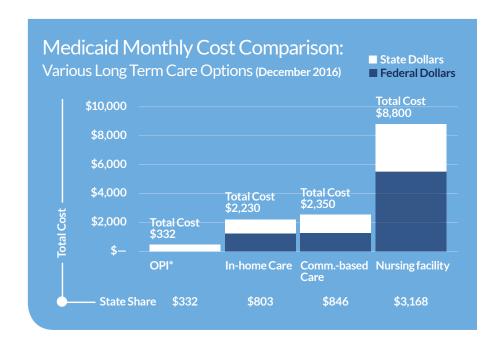


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Seniors with more than \$3,923 in monthly income pay 100% of the cost of their OPI service.

In FY 2014, OPI collected \$116,723 in program co-pay fees. Only seniors with incomes of less than \$1,471 per month are exempt from co-pays. People pay progressively higher co-pays as their income increases, until at \$3,923 per month people pay the full amount.



Over **96%** of all OPI consumers are at income levels that would qualify them for Medicaid services, which is at or below 222% of the Federal Poverty Level. The federal poverty level is now \$1,041 per month.



Medicaid long-term care consumers also receive the Oregon Health Plan benefits, at an additional cost to the state. OPI consumers do not receive these benefits.



The cost to the state of OPI services is 10% of the cost of care in a Medicaid funded nursing facility.

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