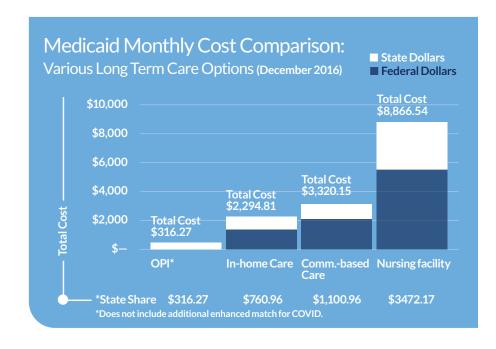


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Seniors with more than \$4253 in monthly income pay 100% of the cost of their OPI service.

In FY 2014, OPI collected \$116,723 in program co-pay fees. Only seniors with incomes of less than \$1596 per month are exempt from co-pays. People pay progressively higher co-pays as their income increases, until at \$4253 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 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. The federal poverty level is now \$1073.33 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 for OPI services is approximately **96%** less than the cost of care in a Medicaid funded nursing facility.

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