

## The Program

Community Action Team, Inc. is pleased to offer Oregon Project Independence (OPI) services to residents of Columbia County.

OPI provides limited in-home services to people 60 and older who need help in order to continue living independently in their own homes. Some OPI services are also available to adults (over 18 years) with dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

The goal of OPI is to promote quality of life and independence by preventing inappropriate or premature placement in a nursing home. It fills the gap between Medicaid and private pay care giving.

All services are provided based upon available funding. OPI is a state program, created and funded by the Oregon State Legislature.



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We can Help!

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## OREGON PROJECT INDEPENDENCE

*Assistance to help you  
stay in your own home —  
independent and secure*



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## What is Oregon Project Independence?

Oregon Project Independence (OPI) is a program that helps older adults stay in their homes even though they require assistance to take care of their daily needs.

OPI services include:

- Homemaker (home care)
- Chore Service
- Personal Services
- Shopping
- Meal Preparation
- Case Management
- Respite for Caregivers

Other services may be available and authorized based on need.



### Who does OPI Serve?

OPI serves Oregonians older than age 60 who do not receive most Medicaid services. You may qualify if the state is paying your Medicare premiums or if you receive food stamps.

Persons younger than age 60 who have a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or other dementia may also be eligible for OPI services.

To qualify for OPI, a person must need some type of in-home assistance based on an assessment done by a Community Action Team Case Manager.

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### How much do OPI services cost?

Monthly charges for services are based on the amount of your household income after deductions for medical expenses. This is compared to the annual federal poverty levels and used to determine what someone should contribute to the cost of services.

### How many hours of will I receive?

OPI hours are based on a person's level of need. An in-home assessment is completed to determine the service priority level. The average number of hours is 12 hours per month.

### How does someone apply?

As an Area Agency on Aging (AAA), Community Action Team's Case Manager can help you apply and arrange for OPI services.

The OPI case manager will perform an individual assessment to determine care needs and eligibility for OPI on a case-by-case basis.

For more information contact the Information & Referral Specialist:

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