# Oregon: A Leader in Long-Term Care Reform

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### **Oregon Long-term Care Reform**

Historical leadership and vision for providing community-based services
Demographics and financial statistics
Key elements of long-term care reform
Lessons for other states
Oregon's future outlook

# Why Is This Important?

Most states provide primarily institutional care and seek a better balance with home and community-based services (HCSB)

#### Change is driven by:

- Demographics and high cost of long-term care
- Consumer demand for choice
- Challenging state budgets
- Supreme court Olmstead decision

# **Demographics: US Population**

US	2000	2030	% growth
Total	281,421,906	363,584,435	22.6%
65+	34,991,753	71,453,471	51.0%
85+	4,239,587	9,603,034	55.9%

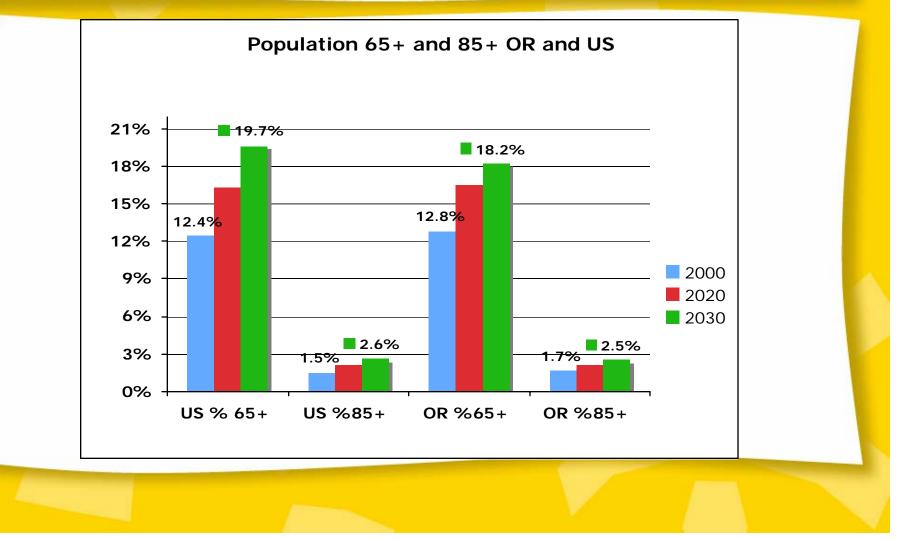
Source: http://www.census.gov/population/projections/nation/detail/d202

# **Demographics: Oregon Population**

Oregon	2000	2030	% growth	
Total	3,421,399	4,833,918	29.2%	
65+	438,177	881,957	50.3%	
85+	57,431	121,741	52.8%	

Source: http://www.census.gov/population/projections/nation/detail/d202

### 65+ and 85+ as Percent of Total Population: 2000-2030



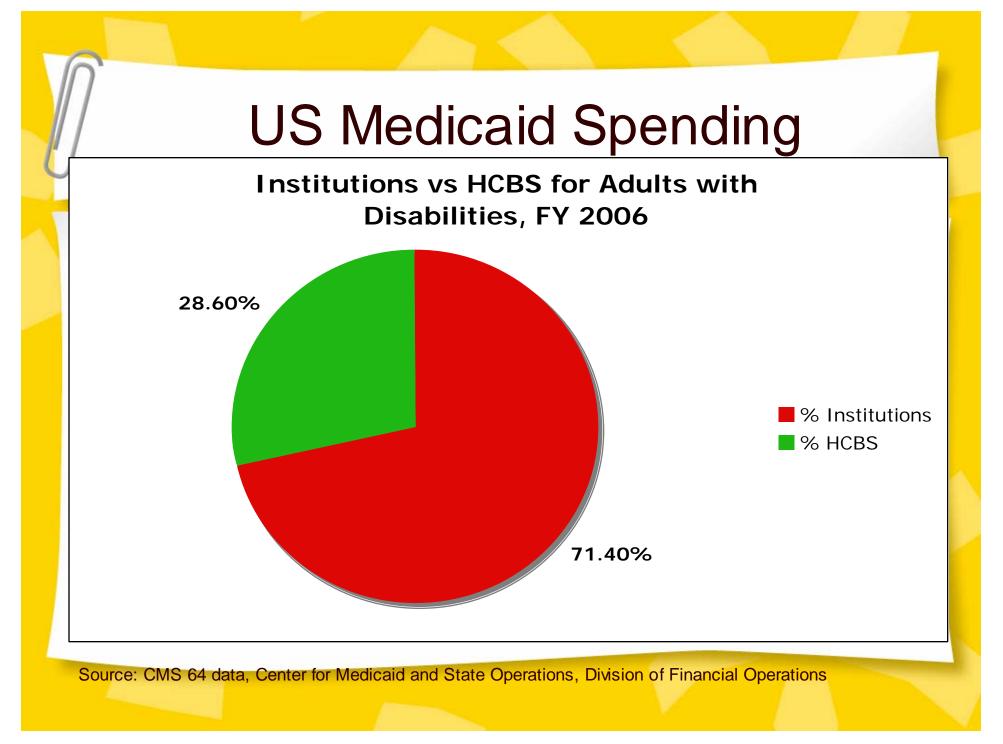
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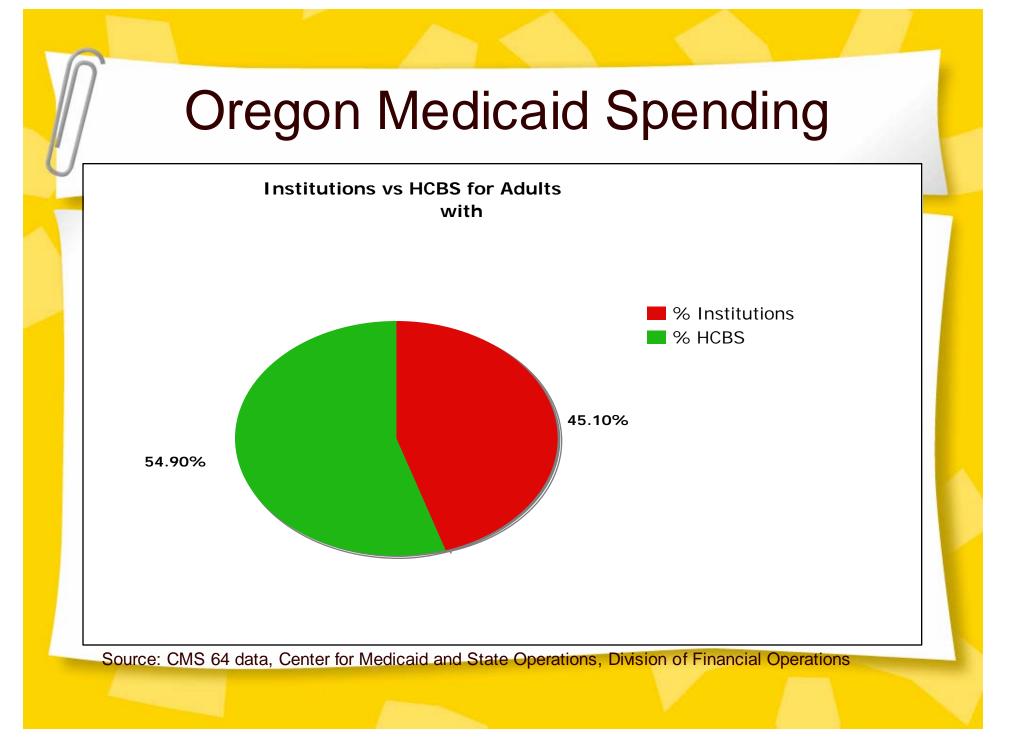
### Medicaid Costs for NH and HCBS

Medicaid funded nursing home services cost \$18,123 per person served in Oregon (US average: \$23,882) (2003)

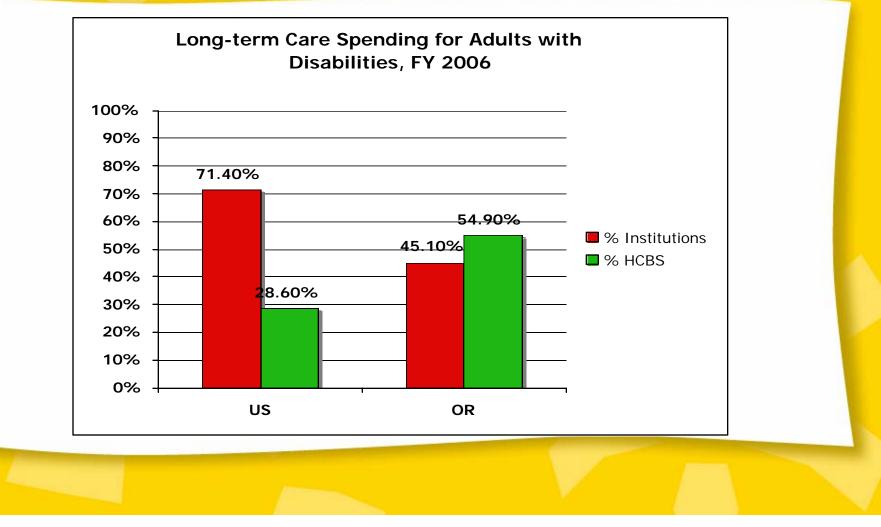
Medicaid funded HCBS cost \$11,982 per person served in Oregon (US average: \$10,531) (2002)

Source: AARP State Profiles Long-term Care, 2006





### **US and Oregon Comparison**



# History

#### Mid-1970's: Vision

- independence, dignity, quality of life and choice
- strong leadership provided by Richard Ladd
- AAAs become advocates and program designers
- 1977: Oregon Project Independence (OPI)
  - community support services for those 60+ close to needing institutional support
- 1981:Senior and Disabled Services Division
  - single agency for federal and state-funded services

### Key Elements Program Management

#### Administration

- State perspective: program funding, implementation and regulation housed in one state agency
- Consumer perspective: program access and service delivery available locally through (typically) AAAs

### Key Elements Access

- Single Entry Point (SEP): Information, assessment and eligibility determination handled in one place based on income, functional need, and medical history
- Entitled to nursing home or home and community services
- Consumer choice: a variety of housing and support options available based on eligibility

### Key Elements Other

Use of Technology (CA/PS)

 Determine service eligibility level (survival level) and help control costs

Prevention focus (OPI)
 Implemented Oregon Project
 Independence in 1975 for people almost
 Medicaid eligible

# **Key Legislative Actions**

#### State Organization of Services (1981)

- Allowed money to flow where services were in demand without bureaucratic process
- When budgets needed cutting, done by survival level rather than by program

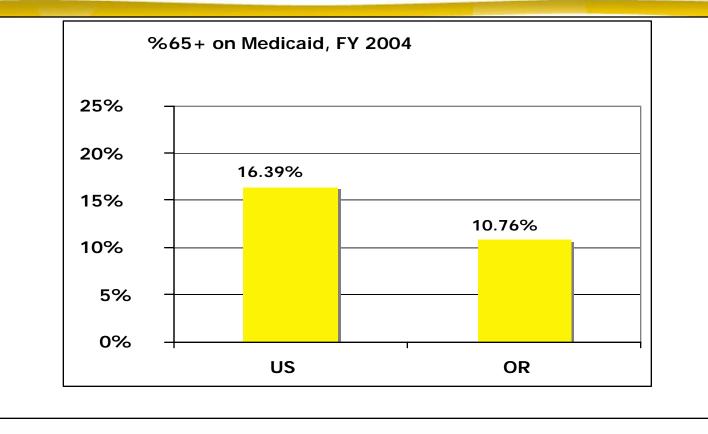
#### Nurse Delegation Act (1985)

 Key to serving large numbers of people in the community by lay people with nurse oversight

### Key Elements Programs Offered

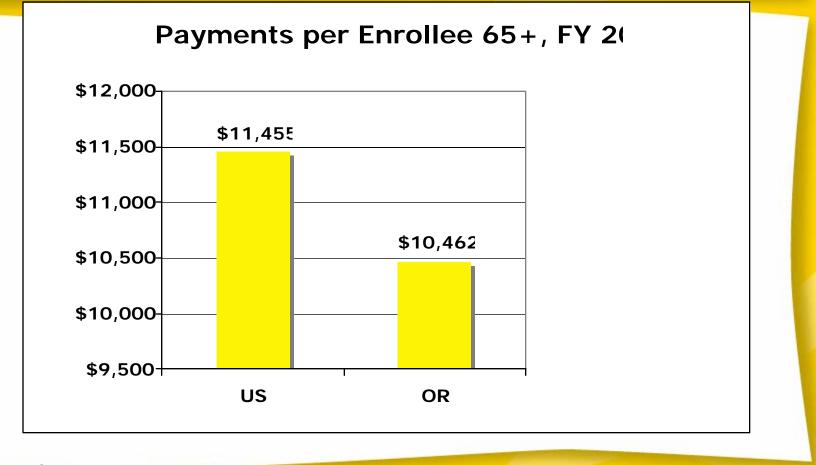
- Medicaid HCBS Waiver Program
  - Residential support
- Oregon Project Independence
  - State funded for 60+ at home to avoid institution
  - Fees charged on sliding scale
- Oregon Spousal Pay Program
  - State-funded for high need Medicaid eligible
- Independent Choices
  - Medicaid-eligible consumer-directed demonstration program
- Client-Empowered Program (CEP)
  - Medicaid funded state-wide consumer-directed

### Financial Picture Percent of Elders 65+ on Medicaid



Source: Kaiser Family Foundation www.statehealthfacts.org

### Financial Picture Medicaid Payments per Elder Enrollee



Source: Kaiser Family Foundation www.statehealthfacts.org

### Lessons on Long-term Care Reform for Other States

- One Primary Focus
  - increase HCBS and offer consumer choice
- One Agency
  - allows for cohesive policy decisions
- Involve stakeholders
  - Include consumers in planning
  - Create dispute resolution process
  - Involve providers in service-delivery development

### Lessons for Other States (2)

Provide outreach and education

- For consumers
- For doctors, hospitals, nursing home owners

Develop continuum of care within community

- Foster inclusion of nursing homes and community providers for individual care-planning
- Allow money to follow the person to each setting

### **Challenges Faced**

- Average annual spending grew 15.9%in Oregon from 1990-2001 compared with 10.9% in the US
- Budget cuts to those in lowest need categories stabilized spending but were not popular
- Some of these services have been restored and future plans are being developed
- Quality assurance in adult foster homes is lacking

### Oregon's Future Outlook

LTC workgroup convened in 2005 to address future LTC challenges

Report in November 2006 addressed 7 questions important to Oregon residents for future LTC services

# Oregon's Future Outlook (2)

Long Term Care Plan should include:

- Community-level research and data
- Focus on healthy aging and preventing chronic conditions
- Encourage individual retirement planning
- Promote and support "Livable communities"
- Promote programs that avoid more costly services (OPI)
- More discussion about "pyramid model" of services
- More discussion on integrating acute and long-term care

# Oregon Long-Term Care Reform

### The End

### Questions??

### Thank you!