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This group's main program areas include licensing and quality of care to that monitors & enforces standards of care & quality in long term care (LTC) settings. Activities include: quality assurance, Provider training & technical assistance, provider contract management, licensing & certification of LTC facilities & programs, policy development, protective services, community nursing, establishment of standards of care in adult foster homes, residential care facilities, assisted living & nursing facilities. In addition, the program provides senior and disability services through management & oversight of programs to seniors & people with disabilities, which include: in-home supports, Home Care Worker program, Oregon Project Independence (OPI), State Unit on Aging, Aged & Physically Disabled (APD) field services, case management, home care commission, rule & policy development, technical staff training. And lastly, the department provides oversight of Medicaid programs; program data & information; benefits to clients.