

News Release



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Public Notice: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS Proposal to Amend Community First Choice State Plan Option (K Plan)

The Oregon Department of Human Services is proposing an amendment to the Community First Choice Option (K Plan) in order to more accurately reflect current state policies and align the K Plan with existing waiver authorities.

The proposed amendment is posted online at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/KPLAN/Pages/public-notice-comment.aspx>

COMMENTS DUE: October 1, 2016.

The proposed amendment includes the following changes:

- Technical changes to the institutional level of care language to better reflect current processes and procedures and align with currently-approved 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services waivers.
- Removal of language referring to the “Live-in” program and “24 hour availability” of homecare workers and personal support workers to align with DHS-program changes enacted to address the requirements of Federal Department of Labor regulations.
- Technical changes to Oregon Administrative Rule citations.
- Update language relating to functional needs assessment tool used by the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS).
- Add language clarifying Group Care Homes operated by ODDS and Group Care Homes operated by contracted entities.
- Revise language to reflect current provider qualifications and verification of qualifications process.
- Update quality assurance performance measures, including the removal of one performance measure, to align with current performance measures in 1915(c) HCBS waivers.
- Revise language in rate-setting methodology section to address current process and rate-setting tools used.
- Technical changes to remove dates for compliance that have already passed.

There is no change expected in the annual aggregate expenditures.

HOW TO COMMENT

Send written comments by fax, mail or email to:

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NEXT STEPS: The Oregon Health Authority will consider all comments received. A State Plan Amendment will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid.

The Oregon Department of Human Services is currently seeking public comment regarding the proposed amendment to the Community First Choice Option (K Plan). We are required by CMS to offer people an electronic and non-electronic format to access the information. To address the non-electronic format we are asking you to post the attached public notice in your offices and have a copy of the Community First Choice Option (K Plan) available for people upon request.