

# News Release

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**Comments sought by Aug. 1 on Medicaid waivers for Oregonians receiving long-term services and supports**

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SALEM, Ore. –The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) will be submitting two Medicaid waiver application renewal requests to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for approval and seeks input on these applications from the public by Aug. 1, 2021. Both waivers, which will be submitted by the ODHS Office of Aging and People with Disabilities (APD), serve individuals who meet [Oregon’s nursing facility level of care criteria and meet Medicaid eligibility criteria](#).

The first waiver, [APD 1915\(c\) #0185 Aging and Physically Disabled Waiver](#), provides case management services to help individuals gain access to needed medical, social, educational, and other services. At minimum, case management must include quarterly direct contact with individuals and ongoing review to ensure needed services are being provided in accordance with the individual’s person-centered service plan.

The waiver also provides community transition services to support an individual who wants to transition from an acute care hospital or licensed care setting to an in-home setting. For individuals over the standard Medicaid income levels, monthly waived services allow them to access all other Long-Term Services and Supports’ benefits funded through the 1915(k).

The second waiver, [APD 1915\(b\)\(4\) Case Management Freedom of Choice Waiver](#), lets Oregon choose to contract with Area Agencies on Aging, willing Tribes, and APD offices to perform waived case management services. This waiver ensures that ongoing case management is coordinated with all the other services provided to eligible individuals.

Members of the public are asked to send comments by Aug. 1, 2021, on these waiver applications to Beth Jackson by email to [Beth.Jackson3@dhsoha.state.or.us](mailto:Beth.Jackson3@dhsoha.state.or.us); by fax to 503-947-4245; or by U.S. postal mail to Beth Jackson, Office of Aging and People with Disabilities, Oregon Department of Human Services, 500 Summer St. NE; Salem, OR 97301-1079.