

<b>Topic:</b>	ODDS Children's 24-Hr Residential - Temporary Transition Service Group Exceptions
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## Overview

**Description:** A temporary service group exception may be requested for a child entering 24-hour residential setting services for the first time from a family home or non-HCBS setting when it is determined that due to the child being in crisis and lack of behavior support plans or data, the child's assigned Service Group results in a Payment Category that is not sufficient to meet the child's intensive support needs during the transition into a residential service setting. The exception requests a "5B" service group designation be used while more in-depth information about the child and the child's intensive support needs are gathered. Once Professional Behavior Services are in place with a Positive Behavior Support plan reflecting the child's needs, a new ONA assessment must be completed by an ONA assessor. A temporary "5B" service group exception may only be in place until a new ONA assessment is completed by an assessor and may not exceed six months in duration.

**Purpose/Rationale:** Because of differences in how supports are delivered and often due to a lack of documentation of behavior supports, a child entering an ODDS 24-hour residential program from an in-home, Child Welfare\*, or non-HCBS setting such as a hospital or treatment center, may have a service group assignment which is not sufficient to meet their intensive needs during the transition to a residential service setting.

When a child is known to have significant behavioral support needs and is in crisis entering a 24-hour residential setting from an in-home, Child Welfare\*, or institutional setting, it may be appropriate to request an exceptional Service Group designation to assure there are adequate resources to meet the child's needs. The exceptional "5B" service group assignment is temporary and may only be in place for as long as necessary to gather additional information about the child's support needs, update or create a PBSP, and conduct a new ONA assessment based on the information gathered. The exception period may not exceed six months.

If a services coordinator, with consultation of the child's team and guardian, makes the conclusion that it is reasonably anticipated that the child would meet the criteria for placement in the to highest service group if the necessary information was available, then the services coordinator may make a request for a temporary exception.

**Applicability:** A temporary service group exception may only be requested for a child (under the age of 18) who is newly entering a 24-hour residential program setting from an in-home, Child Welfare\*, or non-HCBS setting such as a hospital or treatment center.

\* "Child Welfare setting" may include a child welfare-certified foster care placement where Professional Behavior Services were not adequately implemented to develop and implement a positive behavior support plan or other temporary housing arrangements or shelter care.

### **Procedure(s) that apply:**

A Services Coordinator must first consult with the child's team to determine if the child's ONA assessment accurately reflects the child's current support needs. The ONA may be determined to reflect the information that is currently available, but the resulting payment category may be insufficient in addressing the child's acute behavioral needs while they transition to a residential service setting. If it is felt that there is a need for greater resources than available through the payment category associated with the child's service group to address the transition to into residential services and implement a Positive Behavior Support Plan for child's intensive behavioral support needs, then a temporary "5B" service group exception may be requested.

The following criteria must be met for a temporary service group exception to be granted:

The child must:

- Be entering an ODDS 24-Hour Residential Program Setting from an in-home or non-HCBS setting, such as a hospital or treatment center
- Demonstrate significant behavioral support needs in at least two of the following categories:
  - Self-Injurious Behavior
  - Physical Aggression
  - Property Destruction
  - Sexual Aggression
- Receive Professional Behavior Services that includes the development (or update) of a Positive Behavior Support Plan upon entry into the residential setting
- Be anticipated to have behavior support strategies in the to-be-developed PBSP that include either:
  - Safeguarding Interventions that will likely be used monthly or more frequently; or
  - A high frequency of child-specific interventions to address the above indicated behavior challenges

The Services Coordinator is responsible to complete the ODDS "Exception Request- Temporary Service Group Children's 24-Hour Residential- New to Setting" form affirming the criteria is met for the child to receive a temporary Service Group 5B designation. The form must be submitted to ODDS at: [odds.fundingreview@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:odds.fundingreview@dhsosha.state.or.us)

The ODDS Exceptions Team will review the request to ensure the criteria has been met and if it has, the exception may be approved for up to 6 months, or until a new assessment is completed by an ONA assessor, whichever occurs first. The temporary exception is a one-time authorization and may not be extended or requested another time for the same child.

During the exception approval period, it is expected that the individual will have access to Professional Behavior Services and a Positive Behavior Support Plan will be created and

implemented. A new ONA assessment shall be completed at the point where there is a clearer picture of the child's ongoing support needs, including behavior supports.

### **Form(s) that apply:**

The ODDS "Exception Request- Temporary Service Group Children's 24-Hour Residential- New to Setting" form may be found at: <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/DD/PROVIDERS-PARTNERS/WorkerGuides/Exception-Form-Children's-Residential-New-Entry-24-Hour.docx>

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