Action Request Transmittal
Developmental Disabilities Services

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Topic: Developmental Disabilities

Subject: Notice of waiver enrollment change.

Applies to (check all that apply):

- All DHS employees
- Area Agencies on Aging: {Select type}
- Aging and People with Disabilities
- Self Sufficiency Programs
- County DD program managers
- ODDS Children’s Residential Services
- Child Welfare Programs
- County Mental Health Directors
- Health Services
- Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)
- ODDS Children’s Intensive In Home Services
- Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU)
- Other (please specify): Support Service Brokerages

Reason for action: Effective July 1, 2018 ODDS is reorganizing its existing Comprehensive and Support Services Waiver into Children’s and Adult’s Waivers. This new structure will simplify and streamline the federal authorities under which I/DD services are provided in Oregon and will allow ODDS to tailor services to children and adults in the future. This will convert the Comprehensive Waiver to serve children up to age 18 in all settings, and convert the Support Services Waiver to serve adults 18 and older in all settings.

This change only affects the funding authority through which the state claims federal funding for waiver services. Brokerages will continue to provide case management to adults living in their own or family homes. CDDPs will continue to provide case management to children and adults residing in all HCBS settings.

Prior to July 1, 2018, adults getting any waiver services through a CDDP get those services funded through the Comprehensive Waiver. Effective July 1, 2018, all adults will be transitioned over to the Adult’s Waiver (also known as the Support Services Waiver). Federal regulations require that individuals be notified when they are
removed from a waiver. ODDS will identify and notify all affected individuals who are enrolled to the Comprehensive Waiver as of April 30, 2018. This will include any child who turns 18 between May 1, 2018 and June 30, 2018.

ODDS will not have the ability to give timely notification to new, affected waiver enrollees and is relying on CDDPs to fulfill this obligation.

**Action required:** Between May 1, 2018 and June 30, 2018 individuals who will be age 18 or older on July 1, 2018 and receive, or choose to receive, Comprehensive Waiver services (i.e. sign an initial Level of Care) must be provided with a copy of the attached waiver change notice. This group will include new enrollees to the CDDP, including transfers from a brokerage, and those who had not been enrolled to the Comprehensive waiver leading up to May 1, 2018.

A fillable form of the Waiver Change Notice that can be printed is or will soon be available on the case management tools webpage: http://www.dhs.state.or.us/spd/tools/dd/cm/

No action is required for adults who are or will be receiving services on the Support Services Waiver on July 1, 2018 or to children who will still be a minor on July 1, 2018.

**Questions and Answers:**

What does it mean to switch waivers? What will change?

People in services shouldn’t notice anything different. The only change a case manager may see is different coding in the eXPRS system (affected adults who have been “DDC” will become “DDS”).

If people won’t see anything different, why are we telling them about this change?

Federal regulations require notification of a change like this. We hope to fulfill this requirement, but not to cause any alarm. Case managers can assist by assuring the people they serve that their services and providers will not change.

Why are only some people getting this letter?

Only adults who get waiver services arranged by a CDDP are going to change waivers. Up through June 30, 2018, they will be enrolled to the Comprehensive Waiver. Effective July 1, 2018, this waiver will become the Children’s Waiver. Adults on the Comprehensive Waiver must be enrolled to the waiver that will serve adults. Children are all already on the right waiver, so are adults served by a brokerage. They don’t have to change waivers, so they don’t have to be notified.
Field/stakeholder review:  ☑ Yes  ☐ No

If yes, reviewed by:  Subscribers of the Engagement and Innovation website

If you have any questions about this action request, contact:

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Waiver Change Notice

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Individual
Address line 1
Address line 2

Dear Individual,

Oregon’s Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) is making some changes. Federal law requires us to tell you about these changes.

These changes will not affect your services. You do not have to do anything. There will be no change in your services or how your Community Developmental Disability Program (CDDP) operates because of this change.

ODDS is changing its Comprehensive and Support Services Waivers into Children’s and Adult’s Waivers. The Comprehensive Waiver will become the Children’s Waiver. It will serve children up to age 18 in all settings. The Support Services Waiver will become the Adult’s waiver and serve people age 18 and older in all settings.

You are getting this notice because you are an adult, or will be as of July 1, 2018. That means your services are now funded through the Comprehensive Waiver, but will be changed to the Adult’s waiver effective July 1, 2018.

Again, you do not have to do anything because of this change. Your services and providers will not be affected by this change. You still have the same choice of services and providers, including case management.

If you have questions, please contact your Services Coordinator at the CDDP.

Sincerely,

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