

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

PROPOSAL TO COMMENT ON OREGON 1915(c) #0185 AGING AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED WAIVER AND OREGON 1915(b)(4) FEE-FOR-SERVICE SELECTIVE CONTRACTING PROGRAM

COMMENTS DUE: AUGUST 1, 2021

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Department of Human Services, Office of Aging and People with Disabilities (APD), is in the process of renewing two waivers. The 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 monthly monitoring of service plans to determine if consumers' needs are being met in accordance with their individual person-centered service plans. The waiver also provides community transition services to support individuals who want to transition from an acute care hospital or licensed care setting to an in-home setting. For individuals over the standard Medicaid income level, monthly waived services allow them to access all other Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) benefits funded through the 1915(k). Home and Community-Based Services are funded through the 1915(k).

The 1915(b)(4) Fee-For-Service Selective Contracting Program, also known as the Case Management Freedom of Choice Waiver, lets Oregon choose to only contract with specific qualified providers for case management services offered in the 1915(c). Through this selective contracting, Oregon provides case management services through Area Agencies on Aging, willing Tribes, and APD offices. APD added willing Tribes as a qualified provider for case management services during the 2019 Waiver amendment. This selective contracting ensures that ongoing case management is coordinated with all of the other services provided to eligible individuals.

PROPOSAL:

The Oregon Department of Human Services, Office of Aging and People with Disabilities, is asking for review and comment on its submission of the renewals for the 1915(c) and 1915(b)(4) waivers. The current waivers

expire December 31, 2021. The waiver renewal applications will be submitted by August 31, 2021, with an effective date of January 1, 2022 and will run for an additional 5 years, through December 2026.

The renewal applications contain no substantive changes to rates, rate methodology, or the case management delivery system. Data such as updated participants, cost estimates for the waiver period, and case management information will be added prior to submission. The major change proposed at renewal is the Quality Improvement System and revisions to more accurately determine quality assurance and quality improvement through performance measures, remediation, and system improvements.

Oregon is not proposing any substantive changes to the waivers and does not anticipate any significant impacts to individuals receiving Medicaid Long-Term Services and Supports due to the renewal of the waivers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2021

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION LOCATED AT:

<https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/seniors-disabilities/KPLAN/Pages/index.aspx>

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NEXT STEPS: ODHS will consider all comments received prior to the waiver renewal submissions.