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Introductions

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What is staying the same

- Foster care services
- Case management services
- The way you make a complaint

What is changing

Right now: CDDPs license and certify foster homes for ODDS.

The change: On Jan. 1, 2026, ODDS will take over these tasks:

- Make sure foster homes are qualified and follow Oregon's policies and rules
- Inspect foster homes

Licensors and certifiers

- The change affects who licenses or certifies your foster home.
- The staff members that visit your foster home to do licensing reviews may change.

Why are things changing

- The Oregon Legislature makes the laws for foster homes.
- ODDS makes sure that foster providers are qualified and follow the laws.
- The Legislature makes the state's budget. This includes the budget for ODDS and foster care.
- This change is required by the 2025–27 budget approved by the Legislature.

Benefits

- ODDS will continue to help foster homes stay safe and meet the standards that protect you.
- Your foster provider will have clear and unified communication from ODDS.
- If you move, your foster provider will have the same licensing practices across Oregon.

Questions?

Complete the [Smartsheet form](#) for any questions, comments or concerns.

