

Community Update

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Date: Jan. 28, 2026

To: I/DD community members and ODDS staff

From: Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)

Subject: Public comment period open for Medicaid waiver updates

The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) is updating its 1915(c) Medicaid waivers. We seek your feedback on our proposed changes. Some changes will make services easier to access. Other changes are minor and will not affect your services.

The waivers with changes include:

- Adults' Home and Community-Based Services Waiver
- Children's Home and Community-Based Services Waiver
- Children's Extraordinary Needs Waiver
- Behavioral Waiver
- Medically Fragile Waiver
- Medically Involved Waiver

Below is a summary of the changes. Please read them. If you need translations, we linked to them at the top of this message. The full waivers

with the proposed changes are [on the ODDS website in English](#). You don't need to read the full waivers to provide feedback. Reading the summaries should be enough.

Summary of proposed changes

- **Expanded eligibility for Medicaid services:** This change affects all six waivers. The change will make it easier for children with low incomes to access waiver services. Why is this change happening? The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is making this change to the Oregon Medicaid State Plan. ODDS is making this change to be consistent with OHA.
- **Fewer forms to sign:** We removed the requirement for a signature on the Freedom of Choice form and the Notice of Rights form. This makes getting services easier. People won't have to sign as many forms. Services coordinators and personal agents will still go over the forms with individuals and record this in their progress notes.
- **Word and formatting changes:** These are all technical changes. None of these changes affects individuals' services.

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How to submit comments

1. Email odds.waivers@odhsoha.oregon.gov.
2. Mail written comments to ODDS Medicaid waiver/State Plan analyst, 500 Summer Street NE E-09, Salem, OR 97301.

The deadline is Feb. 27, 2026. We must receive your mailed comments by this date.

Thank you,

Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

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