

# News Release

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## Public notice on new 1915 (c) Children's Extraordinary Needs Waiver

(Salem, Ore.) — The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) seeks public comment regarding the new 1915 (c) Children's Extraordinary Needs Waiver.

This home and community-based waiver will allow [ODDS to implement Senate Bill 91](#). The bill directs ODDS to seek federal approval for a permanent program to pay parents as caregivers. This program is for minor children assessed to have very high medical or behavioral needs.

### Summary of proposed waiver

The permanent program will:

- Serve children from birth through age 17 who (1) have significant medical or behavior needs, or a combination of both, and (2) require extraordinary care that is best provided by a legally responsible individual.
  - Children must meet the Intermediate Care Facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IDD), hospital or nursing facility level of care.
- Preserve a family's capacity to care for their child by allowing for legally responsible individuals to provide paid attendant care to their child.
- Assure the health and safety of the child within the family.

- Help children at risk of entering an institution remain in their family home or, if in an institution, to return home.

The services offered include:

- Attendant care provided by a legally responsible individual
- Waiver case management
- Employment Path services
- Supported employment — individual employment support and small group employment support
- Discovery — career exploration services
- Environmental safety modifications
- Family training — conferences and workshops
- Specialized medical supplies
- Vehicle modifications

Service delivery methods include:

- Serving children in their family home.
- Paid care provided by the legally responsible individual hired as a direct support professional employed by an in-home agency.

The full Children’s Extraordinary Needs Waiver application is available to [read on the ODDS website](#). Print versions of the waiver amendment proposal and summary are posted in local [community developmental disabilities programs](#) and [support services brokerages](#). To request print versions, contact the ODDS Medicaid waiver and State Plan analyst at 503-507-2083 or [odds.info@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:odds.info@odhsoha.oregon.gov).

## **How to submit comments**

Interested parties, please submit comments via one of these two methods:

1. Send an email to [odds.info@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:odds.info@odhsoha.oregon.gov).
2. Send written comments addressed to ODDS Medicaid waiver/State Plan analyst, 500 Summer Street NE E-09, Salem, OR 97301.

The **deadline to submit comments is Dec. 5, 2023**. Mailed comments must be received by this date.

### **More information**

Print versions and translations of this announcement letter are online at <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/agency/Pages/odds.aspx#dm>.

Print versions may also be obtained from Joli Torres, ODDS Medicaid waiver and State Plan analyst, at [odds.info@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:odds.info@odhsoha.oregon.gov) or 503-507-2083.

Learn more about ODDS' implementation of SB 91 at <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/idd/Pages/sb-91-implementation.aspx>.

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