



Date: May 1, 2026

To: Office of Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) community members, APD staff and AAA partners

From: APD leadership

Subject: **Seeking public comment on waiver renewal applications**

The Office of Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) is renewing two Medicaid waivers. These waivers are set to expire Dec. 31, 2026, unless we apply to renew them through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). These waivers allow people to get the help they need at home or in the community.

We are seeking your feedback by **May 31, 2026**, on proposed changes to the two waivers:

- **1915(c) Aged and Physically Disabled Waiver:** Uses Medicaid funds for case management services, which help people connect to needed medical, long-term services and supports, and other services. It covers housing support services for those who need help with housing. Lastly, it covers community transition services that help people move from a hospital or care facility to a home where they can receive in-home care. For people whose income is too high for standard Medicaid, the 1915(c) allows the state to provide Medicaid, including long-term services and supports, if they meet eligibility requirements.
- **1915(b)(4) Case Management and Agency with Choice Freedom of Choice Waiver:** Allows APD to use Medicaid funds to contract with a limited set of approved providers for delivering the case management and housing support services that are part of the 1915(c) waiver. These approved

providers are Area Agency on Aging (AAA) offices, APD offices and willing Tribes. The waiver also allows APD to contract with up to two Agency with Choice providers.

Below is a summary of the proposed changes. You don't need to read the full waiver applications to provide feedback.

The waiver applications with proposed changes are available on the [APD website](#). Print versions are posted in [local APD and Area Agency on Aging \(AAA\) offices](#). You can ask staff for a printed copy.

Summary of proposed changes

Proposed changes for the 1915(c) Aged and Physically Disabled Waiver:

- Case managers must document a person's choice of services, service setting and service providers using a specific choice form.
- When someone is moving from an acute care hospital to any home and community-based setting, known as a community transition, it must be to any arrangement that is more independent and less restrictive.

Both waiver renewals include small changes to make the information clearer. Both also include updated cost estimates. These estimates explain how much the services are expected to cost and show that they continue to meet federal requirements. The 1915(c) includes an increase in users for case management services due to rising caseloads.

How to submit comments

1. Email Beth.Jackson3@odhs.oregon.gov.
2. Mail written comments to Beth Jackson, Oregon Department of Human Services, 500 Summer Street NE E-02, Salem, OR 97301.

3. Comments must be received by May 31, 2026.

What's next

We will review and consider all public comments as part of the renewal process. We will prepare and submit the renewal applications to CMS by July 4, 2026. With CMS approval, the waivers will be in effect Jan. 1, 2027, through Dec. 31, 2031.

We appreciate your participation in this process and invite you to share the information with anyone who would like to comment on the waiver.

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