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411-440-0010 Statement of Purpose for the Children's Extraordinary Needs (CEN) Program

(Adopted 10/25/2024)

- (1) The rules in OAR chapter 411, division 440 establish standards, responsibilities, and procedures for the Children's Extraordinary Needs (CEN) Program to ensure eligible children enrolled in the program receive high-quality care from a parent provider that complies with applicable state and federal law.
- (2) The CEN Program is for children from birth through age 17, assessed to have very high medical or very high behavioral needs requiring extraordinary care.
- (3) Through the CEN Program, provider agencies employ parent providers to deliver no more than 20 hours of attendant care to their child each week.
- (4) The intent of the CEN Program is to not displace non-parent providers. Provider agencies shall continue to recruit, train, and retain non-parent providers.
- (5) The CEN Program is subject to the approval of the Children's Extraordinary Needs 1915(c) Waiver by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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411-440-0020 Definitions and Acronyms for the Children's Extraordinary Needs (CEN) Program

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In addition to the following definitions and acronyms, [OAR 411-317-0000](#) includes general definitions for words and terms frequently used in OAR chapter 411, division 440. If a word or term is defined differently in [OAR 411-317-0000](#), the definition in this rule applies.

(1) "Abbreviated School Day Program" means an education program in which a school district restricts access for a student with a disability to hours of instruction or educational services to less than the number of hours of instruction or educational services provided to the majority of other students, in the same grade, within the student's resident school district, for more than 10 school days per school year.

(2) "Attendant Care" is defined in [OAR 411-317-0000](#) and described in [OAR 411-450-0060](#).

(3) "Children's Extraordinary Needs (CEN) Program" means the program where a parent of a child is paid by a provider agency to deliver attendant care to their child.

(4) "Child" is an individual under the age of 18.

(5) "Client Child" means a child receiving paid supports from a parent provider.

(6) "Completed Application" means the application created by the Department is filled out accurately and contains all of the information needed to add a child to the waitlist for the Children's Extraordinary Needs Program.

(7) "Direct Support Professional" means a person hired, employed, trained, paid, and supervised by a provider agency to provide attendant care services to a client of the agency.

(8) "Family" is defined in [OAR 411-450-0020](#).

(9) "Good Cause" means an excusable mistake, surprise, excusable neglect (which may include neglect due to a significant cognitive or health issue) due to:

- (a) Circumstances beyond the control of a person;
- (b) Reasonable reliance on the statement of Department staff, a case management entity, or a provider agency relating to procedural requirements; or
- (c) Fraud, misrepresentation, or other misconduct of the Department or party adverse to the person.

(10) "Health Systems Division Medical Programs" is defined in [OAR 410-200-0015](#).

(11) "Medically Fragile Model Waiver" is defined in [OAR 411-300-0110](#).

(12) "Medically Involved Children's Waiver" is defined in [OAR 411-300-0110](#).

(13) "Ownership Interest" is when a person:

- (a) Has an ownership interest totaling 5 percent or more in a provider agency;
- (b) Has an indirect ownership interest equal to 5 percent or more in a provider agency.
- (c) Has a combination of direct and indirect ownership interests equal to 5 percent or more in a provider agency;
- (d) Owns an interest of 5 percent or more in any mortgage, deed of trust, note, or other obligation secured by a disclosing entity if that interest equals at least 5 percent of the value of the property or assets of a provider agency;
- (e) Is an officer or director of a provider agency;

(f) Is a partner in a provider agency that is organized as a partnership; or

(g) Is a member of the board of directors of a provider agency.

(14) "Parent" means the biological parent, adoptive parent, stepparent, or legal guardian of a child.

(15) "Parent Provider" means a parent employed by a provider agency as a direct support professional to deliver hourly attendant care to their own child.

(16) "These Rules" mean the rules in OAR chapter 411, division 440.

(17) "Very High Behavioral":

(a) Means an Oregon Needs Assessment has determined a General Support Need Score for a child and the child:

(A) Exhibits at least two behaviors identified in [OAR 411-450-0060](#), Table 4, in the section about the Behavior Support Need Score; and

(B) Has a current Positive Behavior Support Plan, as described in [OAR 411-304-0150\(5\)](#), to address the behaviors identified in subsection (A) of this section.

(b) May also be known as "service group 5b" or "5b".

(18) "Very High Medical":

(a) Means an Oregon Needs Assessment has determined a General Support Need Score for a child and the child requires a support person to perform a medical task identified in [OAR 411-450-0060](#), Table 4, in the section about the Support Person Performs Score at least daily.

(b) May also be known as "service group 5m" or "5m".

(19) "Waitlist" means a list maintained by the Department for the purpose of determining the order of enrollment into the Children's Extraordinary Needs Program when a space in the program becomes available.

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411-440-0030 General Eligibility and Exits for the Children's Extraordinary Needs (CEN) Program

(Adopted 10/25/2024)

(1) A child may not be denied services or otherwise discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, age, disability, source of income, duration of Oregon residence, or other protected classes under federal and Oregon Civil Rights laws.

(2) Initial and ongoing determinations of eligibility for the CEN Program are the sole responsibility of the Department.

(3) To be eligible for the CEN Program, a child must meet all of the following requirements:

(a) Be an Oregon resident who meets the residency requirements in [OAR 461-120-0010](#).

(b) Be determined eligible for developmental disabilities services by the Community Developmental Disabilities Program of the county of origin according to [OAR 411-320-0080](#); or be enrolled in, or on, the waitlist for the Medically Involved Children's Waiver or the Medically Fragile Model Waiver Program as described in [OAR chapter 411, division 300](#).

(c) Be receiving a Medicaid Title XIX benefit package through Oregon Supplemental Income Program-Medical (OSIPM) or Health Systems Division medical programs.

(d) Be determined to meet a Level of Care as defined in [OAR 411-317-0000](#).

(e) Be assigned to the highest service group due to their very high medical or very high behavioral needs according to a current and valid Oregon Needs Assessment.

(f) Be receiving services in the child's family home.

(4) A child must be exited from the CEN Program if:

(a) The child turns 18 years of age.

(b) The child no longer meets the eligibility requirements described in section (3) of this rule.

(c) Monthly case management contact by a services coordinator, as described in [OAR 411-415-0090\(1\)](#), is not accepted.

(d) The child's parent is not employed by a provider agency to provide attendant care for their child 90 calendar days after the child is enrolled in the CEN Program. The Department may extend this time period when the Department determines there is good cause.

(e) The parent provider does not deliver attendant care to their child for 90 consecutive days. The Department may extend this time period when the Department determines there is good cause.

(f) The child enters a residential program, except as described in section (6) of this rule.

(5) When a child is being exited from the CEN Program because the child no longer meets the eligibility requirement described in section (3)(e) of this rule, the child may remain in the CEN Program until the end of the month following the month in which a functional needs assessment determines the child is no longer assigned to the highest service group with very high medical or very high behavioral needs.

(6) A child whose parent voluntarily withdraws their child from the CEN Program to enroll the child in a residential program, may return to the CEN Program until the end of the month following the month the child entered the residential program.

(7) NOTIFICATION OF PLANNED ACTION. Prior to a child exiting from the CEN Program, the Department shall provide a written advance Notification of Planned Action ([form](#) 0947) as described in [OAR 411-318-0020](#).

(8) HEARINGS.

(a) A hearing is addressed according to [ORS chapter 183](#) and [OAR 411-318-0025](#).

(b) A parent may request a hearing as provided in [ORS chapter 183](#) and [OAR 411-318-0025](#).

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411-440-0040 Qualifications for Parent Providers in the Children's Extraordinary Needs (CEN) Program

(Adopted 10/25/2024)

(1) A parent provider must be employed by a provider agency certified in accordance with [OAR chapter 411, division 323](#) with an endorsement to operate as either a community living supports agency or a standard model agency as defined in [OAR chapter 411, division 450](#). A person cannot be employed by a provider agency as a parent provider if the parent or a member of the parent's family has an administrative role, leadership role, or ownership interest, in the provider agency.

(2) A parent provider must meet all of the qualifications established for provider agency staff in [OAR 411-323-0050\(8\)](#) and any additional qualifications established by the provider agency.

(3) A parent provider must be the parent of the client child.

(4) A parent must be hired by a provider agency to be a parent provider within 90 calendar days of a child's enrollment to the CEN Program.

(5) A parent provider must deliver attendant care at least once every 90 calendar days.

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411-440-0050 Service Requirements, Limitations, and Exclusions for the Children's Extraordinary Needs (CEN) Program
(Adopted 10/25/2024)

(1) The Department shall only reimburse a provider agency for the delivery of attendant care described in [OAR 411-450-0060\(2\)](#) by a parent provider.

(2) A provider agency may not be paid using Department funds for the delivery of attendant care by a parent provider in any of the following circumstances:

(a) During the hours available to a client child at the public school where the client child is or could be enrolled, except:

(A) When the client child is temporarily absent from school due to surgery or illness; or

(B) When a school district places the client child on an abbreviated school day program; or

(C) When the client child has been expelled or suspended.

(b) Due to a parent's choice to have the client child attend public or private school for fewer hours than the regular instructional hours of the child's assigned public school.

(c) For activities that do not meet the definition of attendant care, including homeschooling, tutoring, or that are a supplement to the public, private, or homeschool education of a client child.

(d) While simultaneously caring for or supervising a child under 10 years old or a vulnerable person of any age who requires physical care and monitoring. For the purpose of this rule, "vulnerable person" means a person who requires physical care and monitoring who is:

(A) 65 years of age or older;

(B) Financially incapable as defined in [ORS 125.005](#);

(C) Incapacitated as defined in [ORS 125.005](#); or

(D) A person with a disability who is susceptible to force, threat, duress, coercion, persuasion, or physical or emotional injury because of the person's physical or mental impairment.

(e) During the course of activities not for the primary benefit of the client child, such as:

(A) Grocery shopping for the parent provider's household.

(B) Housekeeping not required for the disability-related support needs of the client child.

(C) Remote work or the operation of a home business.

(D) Transporting individuals other than the client child to activities or appointments.

(f) When any condition described in [OAR 411-450-0050\(8\)](#) is present.

(g) The child is 18 years old or older.

(3) A parent provider may not act as a client child's legal or designated representative in connection with the provision of Department-funded supports.

(4) A child may not be enrolled in the CEN Program while enrolled in a residential program.

(5) A child's legal or designated representative who authorizes the child's ISP is required to participate in monthly case management contact as described in [OAR 411-415-0090\(1\)](#).

(6) A child's legal or designated representative must permit at least two case management contacts per ISP year, separated by no fewer than 90 calendar days, to occur in person with the child.

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411-440-0060 Training Requirements for the Children's Extraordinary Needs (CEN) Program

(Adopted 10/25/2024)

(1) A parent provider must complete Department-approved training prior to delivering services to their child under these rules. The training must include:

(a) An overview of federal and state administrative rules regulating home and community-based services; and

(b) The impact of providing Department-funded services on parent-child relationships with respect to discipline, supervision, physical intervention, and self-determination of a client child.

(2) A client child must receive age-appropriate, accessible training, information, or materials related to self-advocacy with respect to choosing their own direct support professionals prior to being enrolled in the CEN program.

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411-440-0070 Initial Enrollments for the Children's Extraordinary Needs (CEN) Program

(Adopted 10/25/2024)

(1) The Department has identified all children who have very high behavioral or very high medical needs, or who are on the waitlist for the Medically Fragile Model Waiver or the Medically Involved Children's Waiver as of May 2, 2024. Only these children shall be considered for initial enrollment to the CEN Program.

(2) The Department assigned a unique five digit number to each child identified in section (1) of this rule and used a random generator to shuffle the five digit numbers to determine the top 155 children offered enrollment into the CEN Program and the order of the waitlist, described in [OAR 411-440-0080](#), by their randomly assigned number.

(3) The parent of a child selected for initial enrollment must affirm to the child's case management entity their decision to participate in the CEN Program no later than July 19, 2024.

(4) If a parent declines to participate in the CEN Program by July 19, 2024:

(a) The child does not retain the number assigned to them according to section (2) of this rule.

(b) The Department shall offer the parent a choice for their child to be moved to the end of the waitlist or removed from the waitlist. If the parent of the child does not indicate a choice, the child is removed from the Department's waitlist as described in [OAR 411-440-0080](#).

(5) If a parent does not respond to the offer to participate in the CEN Program by July 19, 2024:

(a) The child does not retain the number assigned to them according to section (2) of this rule.

(b) The child will be moved to the end of the waitlist.

(6) The Department shall confirm a child selected for initial enrollment to the CEN Program meets the eligibility requirements in [OAR 411-440-0030\(3\)](#). If the child is determined ineligible, the Department shall provide a written advance Notification of Planned Action ([form](#) 0947) as described in [OAR 411-318-0020](#).

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411-440-0080 Ongoing Enrollments for the Children's Extraordinary Needs (CEN) Program
(Adopted 10/25/2024)

(1) The Department shall maintain a waitlist for the CEN Program if the maximum number of children allowed on the approved CEN Waiver are enrolled in the CEN Program. Children on the waitlist may access other Medicaid or General Fund services for which the child is eligible.

(2) After the initial waitlist is established as described in [OAR 411-440-0070](#), additional applicants for the CEN Program shall be moved to the end of the waitlist based on the completed application date for the CEN Program. The Department will not accept an application for a child to be added to the waitlist before November 1, 2024.

(3) A child may be removed from the waitlist if:

- (a) The child is enrolled in the CEN Program.
- (b) The child moves out of Oregon.
- (c) The parent of the child requests their removal in writing to the Department or the child's case management entity.
- (d) The child is determined ineligible for services provided by the Department.
- (e) The child is deceased.

- (f) The child turns 18 years old.
- (4) A child who is removed from the waitlist must reapply to be added to the waitlist.
- (5) When a child exits the CEN Program, the Department must offer enrollment to the CEN Program to the child next on the waitlist. If the parent of the child highest on the waitlist declines or does not respond to an offer to enroll in the CEN Program, or the child does not meet the eligibility criteria for the program under these rules, access to the CEN Program must be offered to the next child on the waitlist. This process must continue until 155 children are enrolled in the CEN Program.
- (6) The parent of a child selected for enrollment must affirm to the child's case management entity their decision to participate in the CEN Program no later than 60 calendar days from the date the parent was notified of the offer to enroll in the CEN Program.
- (7) If a parent declines to participate in the CEN Program:
- (a) The child does not retain their number on the waitlist.
 - (b) The Department shall offer the parent a choice to be moved to the end of the waitlist or removed from the waitlist. If the parent of the child does not indicate a choice, the child is removed from the waitlist.
- (8) If a parent or does not respond to the offer to participate in the CEN Program within 60 calendar days from the date the parent was notified of the offer to enroll in the CEN Program:
- (a) The child does not retain their number on the waitlist.
 - (b) The child is moved to the end of the waitlist.
- (9) The Department shall confirm a child selected for enrollment to the CEN Program meets the eligibility requirements in [OAR 411-440-0030\(3\)](#). If a child is determined ineligible at the time of the offer to enroll in the CEN Program, the Department shall provide a written advance Notification of Planned Action ([form](#) 0947) as described in [OAR 411-318-0020](#).

(10) If a child is not eligible for the CEN Program when offered enrollment:

(a) The child does not retain their number on the waitlist.

(b) The Department shall offer the parent a choice to be moved to the end of the waitlist or removed from the waitlist. If the parent of the child does not respond, the child is removed from the waitlist.

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411-440-0090 Complaints about the Children's Extraordinary Needs (CEN) Program

(Adopted 10/25/2024)

(1) Complaints related to the administration of the CEN Program must be made directly to the Department and may be made orally, in writing, or by using the Department's Complaint [Form](#) (0946).

(2) A complaint shall be addressed by the Department according to [OAR 411-318-0015](#).

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