
1115 Waiver Renewal

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What's a waiver?



Medicaid is a **federal program administered by states**.

Federal law sets Medicaid minimum standards related to eligibility and required benefits.

But **states can waive certain federal regulations** to achieve greater flexibility around eligibility, benefits, delivery systems, etc. than is otherwise allowed under Medicaid rules.

- ✓ Who is covered
- ✓ What benefits are provided
- ✓ How much individuals may be charged for cost sharing
- ✓ How providers will be paid
- ✓ Must include a formal evaluation of impact.

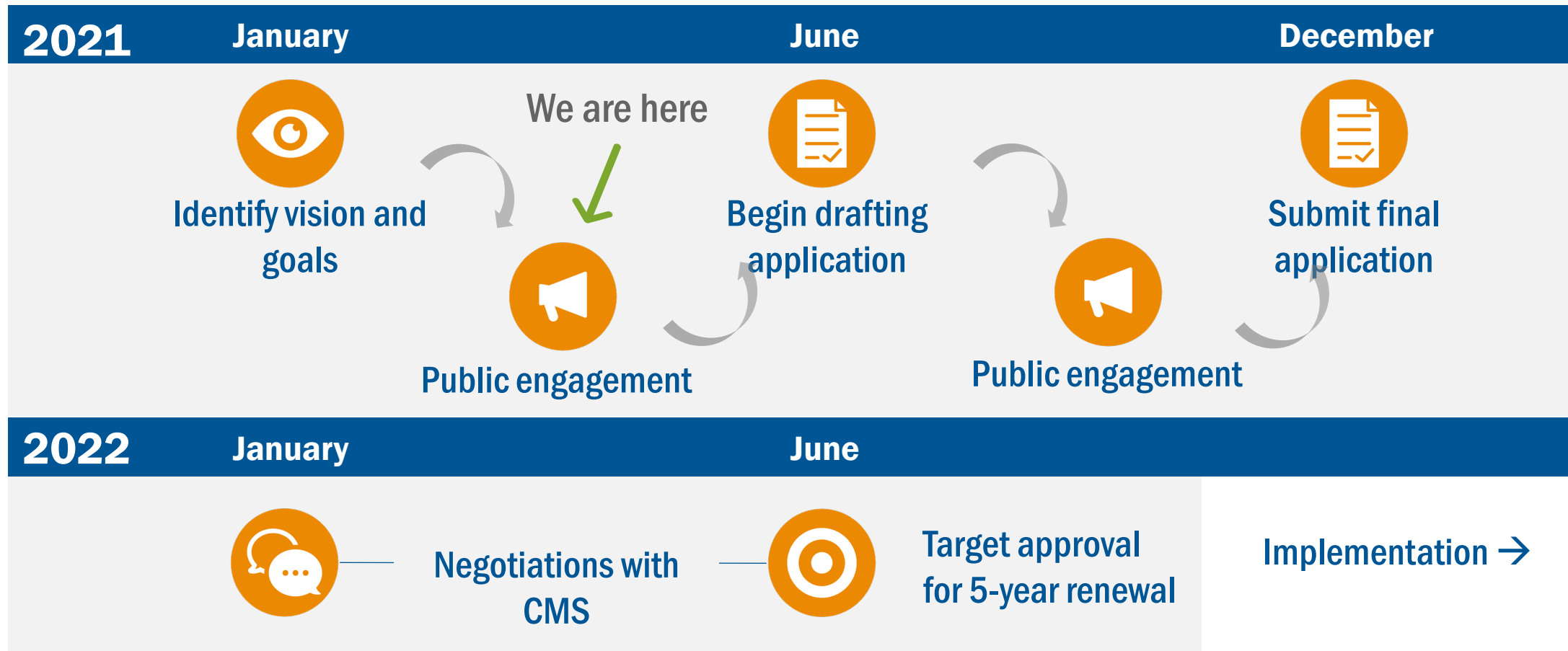
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An **1115 Demonstration** waiver is the broadest type of waiver available under Medicaid.

- Opportunity to pilot changes not otherwise allowed
- Must be budget neutral and improve system for patients
- More than one type of waiver – today we're focused on Medicaid but there are other waivers available

Waiver Timeline

Oregon is applying to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for a new five-year Medicaid 1115 Demonstration waiver



Future Waiver Work Sessions

- Starting in late **May**, OHA will convene focused work groups to help OHA integrate experiences with the delivery system and identify what changes are needed
- Sessions will be divided into a three-part series with objectives that align with content development and audience

Waiver Content Development

Part 1: Define problem, Drivers, Barriers

Part 2: Potential Strategies and Theories

Part 3: Program detail, quality and evaluation

Focus Area

Equity Centered System of Health

Access to Coverage

Smart, Flexible Spending through Global Budget

Reinvest Savings in Across Systems

2021 Policy and Engagement Calendar

Waiver Major Tasks		Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Feb – Apr	Waiver 101	█									
Vision and Goals	Policy Framework	█									
Apr – Jul	Define problem, Drivers, Barriers		█								
	Potential Strategies and Theories			█							
	Program detail, quality and evaluation				█						
Jul – Oct	Draft Application					█					
Oct – Dec	Final-Draft Application									█	
		Key Timeframes Apr – May: Draft concept papers Jun: Detailed concepts ready for input Jul – Aug: Tribal consultation Sep: Public Comment period begins Oct: <i>Public Comment at MAC</i> Dec: Draft application to CMS									

Overarching Waiver Goal: *Advance Health Equity*

If we are successful in our waiver application, Oregon will continue to lead the way on Medicaid reform – **pioneering new ways to center equity in health system transformation.**

To achieve this, our policy framework breaks down the drivers of health inequities into four actionable sub-goals.



Creating an equity-centered system of health



Ensuring access to coverage for all people in Oregon



Encouraging smart, flexible spending



Reinvesting gov't savings across systems

Thank You

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