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# 1115 Medicaid Waiver Renewal

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# What's an 1115 Waiver?

People are eligible for the Oregon Health Plan based on their income or other factors

Federal rules set minimum standards related to eligibility and required benefits but **States can ask to WAIVE some federal rules** to have more flexibility and offer the Oregon Health Plan to more people and cover more services than usually allowed

Every five years, Oregon must renew its agreement with the federal government around the Oregon Health Plan – proposing new changes and continuing existing programs. The federal government can accept or reject these proposals.

# Waiver renewal – a recurring process

- The original 1994 waiver established the Oregon Health Plan, which expanded eligibility and benefits.
- Oregon’s waiver has been renewed and expanded many times since 1994, most recently in 2017.
  - The 2012 renewal established **Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs)** and initiated Health System Transformation.
  - Our 2017 renewal built upon that model and included goals that were reflected in CCO 2.0.
- Our current waiver will expire in **June 2022**.

# 1115 Medicaid Waivers are not:

**X The only way to change how care is delivered**

Changes to Oregon law, Oregon Administrative Rules, or CCO contracts are other ways to address how members access care

**X For fixing all parts of the health care system**

Not all services are covered under this waiver. Oregon has several waivers covering Home and Community-based Services (1915 waivers) and Substance Use Disorder (1115 SUD waiver)

# 2017 Waiver and Behavioral Health

Although the 1115 Waiver is not focused on Behavioral Health, there were some elements in the previous application:

- Integration of behavioral health payment structure and service delivery
- Coordinated Health Partnerships – *proposed in application but not implemented*

# Overarching Goal of 2022 Waiver: *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

# Application Timeline

