



Presentation to the Interim Senate Human Services Committee

Senate Bill 91 updates

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COVID-19 option versus SB 91 program

COVID-19 option

- Temporary
 - Jan. 20, 2021–May 11, 2023
- Intended solely to reduce exposure to COVID-19
- Special emergency Medicaid authority
- Eligibility based on hours authorized or enrollment in Children's Intensive In-home Services (CIIS)
- Around 450 children enrolled



SB 91 program

- Permanent Medicaid 1915(c) Waiver
- Limited budget
 - Access to very small group of children
- Children eligible based on their Oregon Needs Assessment (ONA)
 - “Very high” service group due to medical or behavioral needs
 - Eligibility not based on number of authorized hours
- Not all in Children's Intensive In-home Services (CIIS) will qualify



Waiver application timeline

August 2023

- Workgroups
- Survey
- Input gathering

September 2023

- Review feedback
- Prepare waiver application
- Publish input and responses

October 2023

- Publish waiver application for 60-day public comment period
- 60-day Tribal consultation

December 2023

- Respond to public comments
- Revise waiver application
- Submit revised application to CMS

January–April 2024

- Anticipated CMS review period
- Possible changes to application as CMS directs

Spring 2024

- Rule Advisory Committees
- Rulemaking process

July 2024

- Program begins

2025

- First legislative report on costs, outcomes, workforce adequacy

Funding clarification

- ODDS worked to get clarification from the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO)
 - LFO confirmed \$3M GF is for one year of the program with expectation of \$6M GF rollup
- Doubles initial capacity estimates for the program
 - Estimates depend upon which limit is chosen for number of hours parents can work

Eligibility based on service groups

Service group framework uses information collected in a person's **Oregon Needs Assessment** to place them in a **service group of people of a similar age with a similar level of need for support services**.

Medical needs

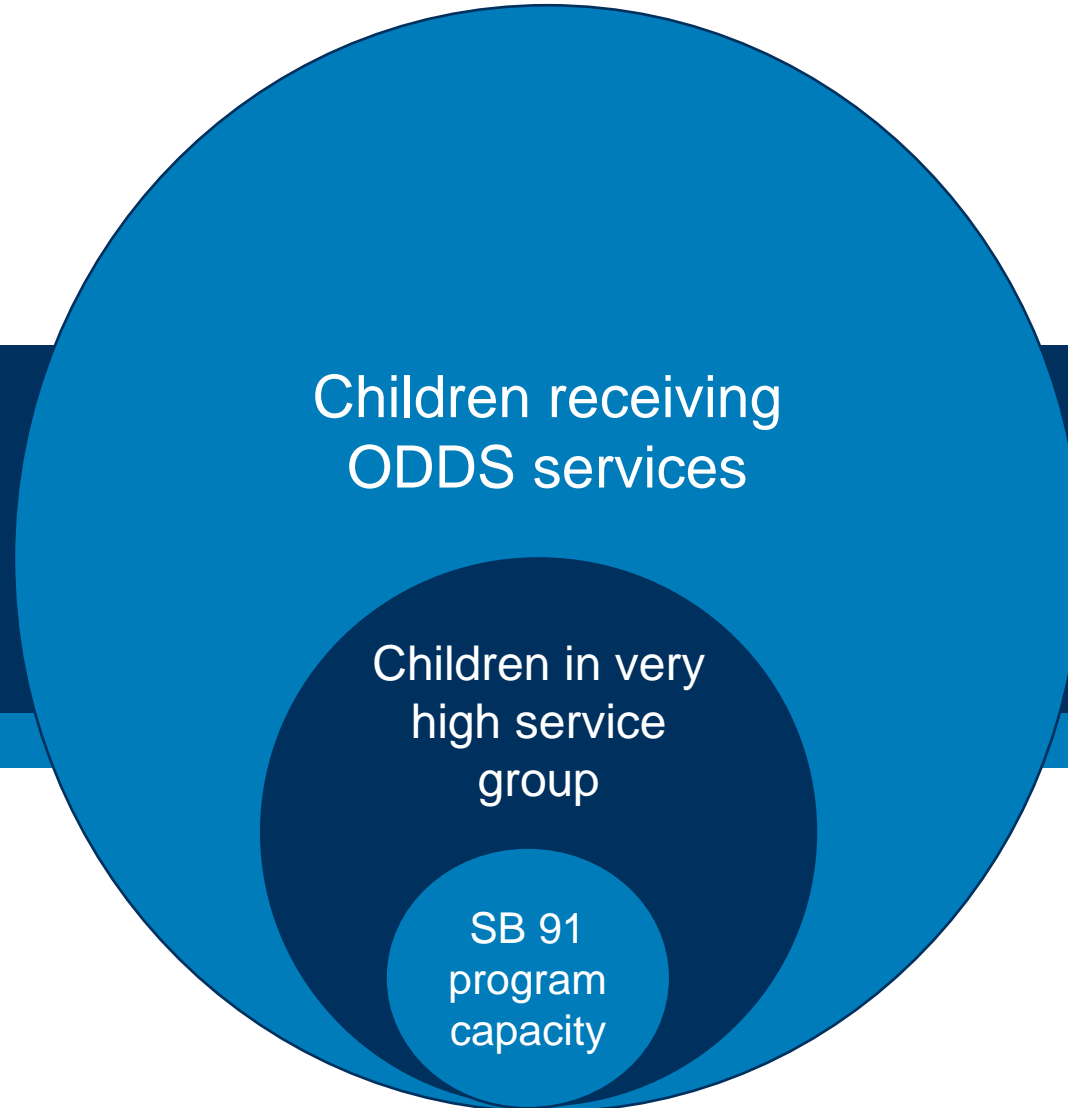
- Minor children placed in “very high” service group **due to medical needs** based on how many specific medical treatments or therapies a child receives and how often.
- **311** children receive in-home services in this group.

16 children in both groups receive in-home services.

Behavioral needs

- Minor children placed in “very high” service group **due to behavioral needs** based on the type of behavior they exhibit and the support they receive.
- **836** children receive in-home services in this group.

Eligibility versus capacity



Key elements of new draft waiver application

- Nursing facility, hospital and intermediate care facilities for individuals with I/DD level of care
- Focuses on low-income families
- Extraordinary needs criteria
 - Includes review of whether other providers are available
- Includes all services as in current children's waiver
- Informed by recommendations of workgroups and survey results:
 - Limits children to 20 hours/week of paid parent care to serve as many children as possible through the new waiver
 - Attendant care hours not covered by parent will continue to be available through K Plan
 - Lottery system for initial signup, then a traditional waiting list

Questions?

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Thank you

