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Children's Extraordinary Needs Program

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Agenda

1. Program background
2. Program update and data
3. Questions
4. Learn more / contact us



Children's Extraordinary Needs (CEN) Program: Background

Senate Bill 91 (2023)

Children's Extraordinary Needs (CEN) 1915(c) waiver

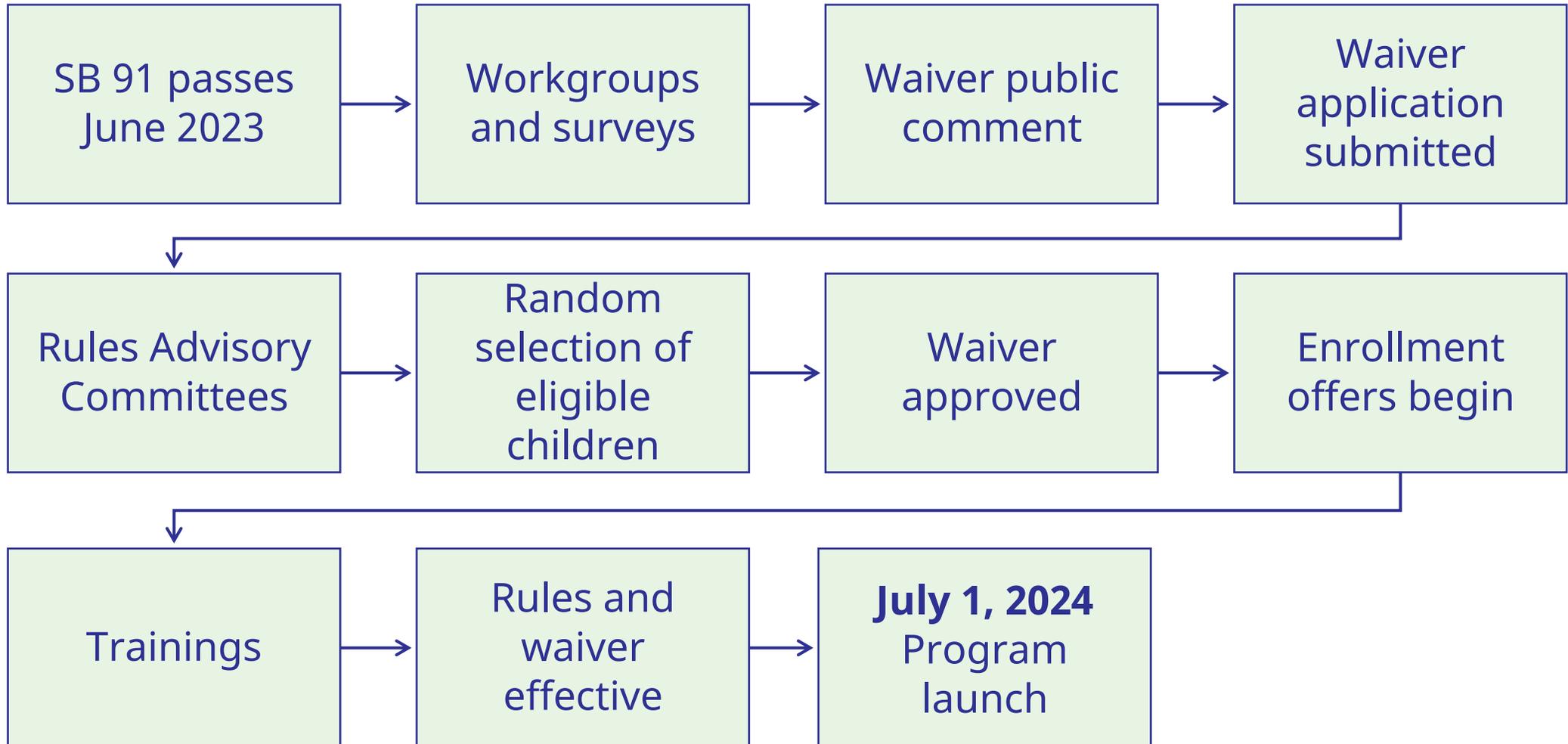
- Serves children under 18 with very high medical or behavior needs
- Allows paid attendant care from child's own parents or guardians
- Limited resources:
 - \$3M annual budget
 - No more than 155 eligible children at a time
 - Significant wait list
 - No more than 20 hours/week of parent-provided attendant care

CEN Program: Eligibility

- Medicaid eligible
- Under age 18
- Oregon resident
- Live in family home
- Eligible for ODDS services
- Qualifying level of care
- Very high medical (5m) or very high behavioral (5b) support needs



CEN implementation timeline



CEN update: Legislative report

- SB 91 requirement
- Due annually

Today's data preview



Enrollment



Waitlist



Cost

Data: Influencing factors

24 months of data needed for accurate analysis

12 months to bill for services

Up to 150 days for family to enroll and start services

60 days to respond to enrollment offer

90 days for parent be hired/onboarded

**CHIP vs Medicaid
Good faith extensions**

Current enrollment and waitlist

137



Children currently enrolled

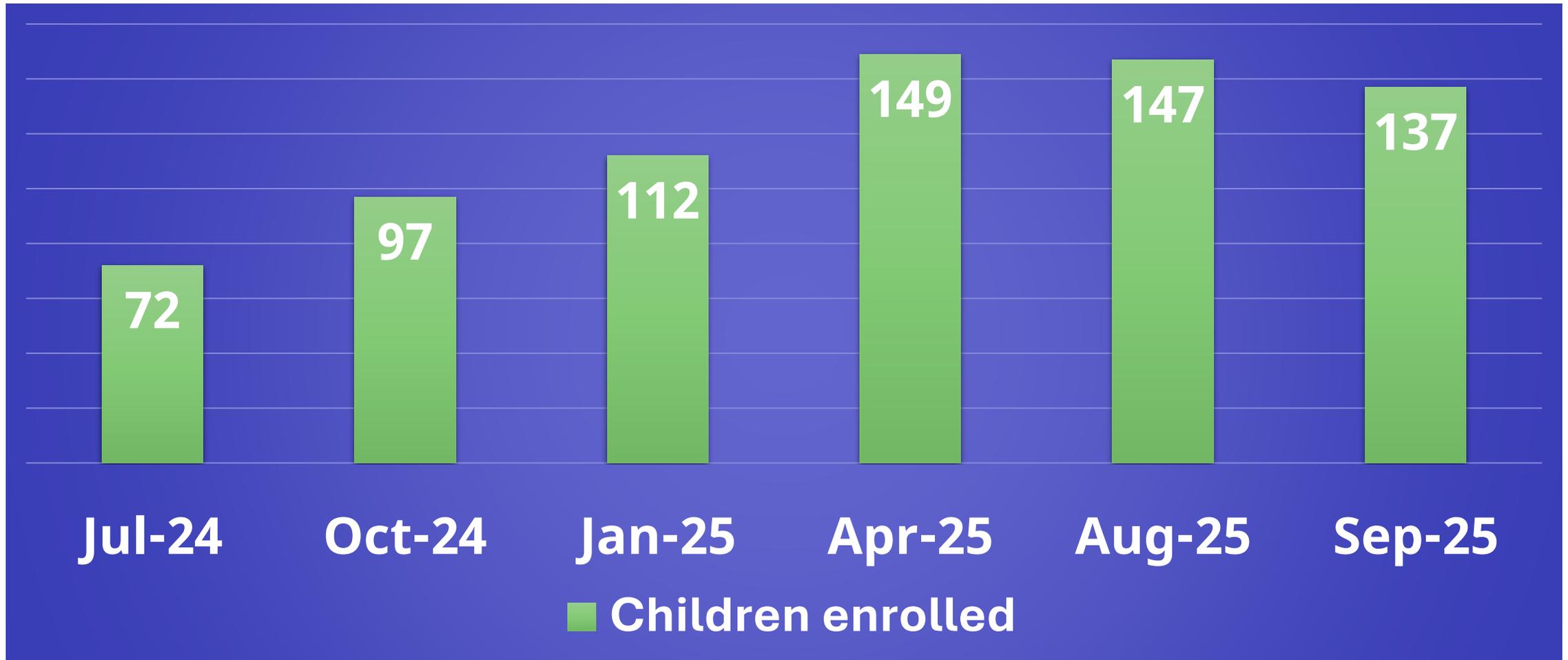
2,664



Children on program waitlist

- 1,172 before Nov. 1, 2024, when waitlist opened to parent/self-referral
- 1,492 self-referred since Nov.

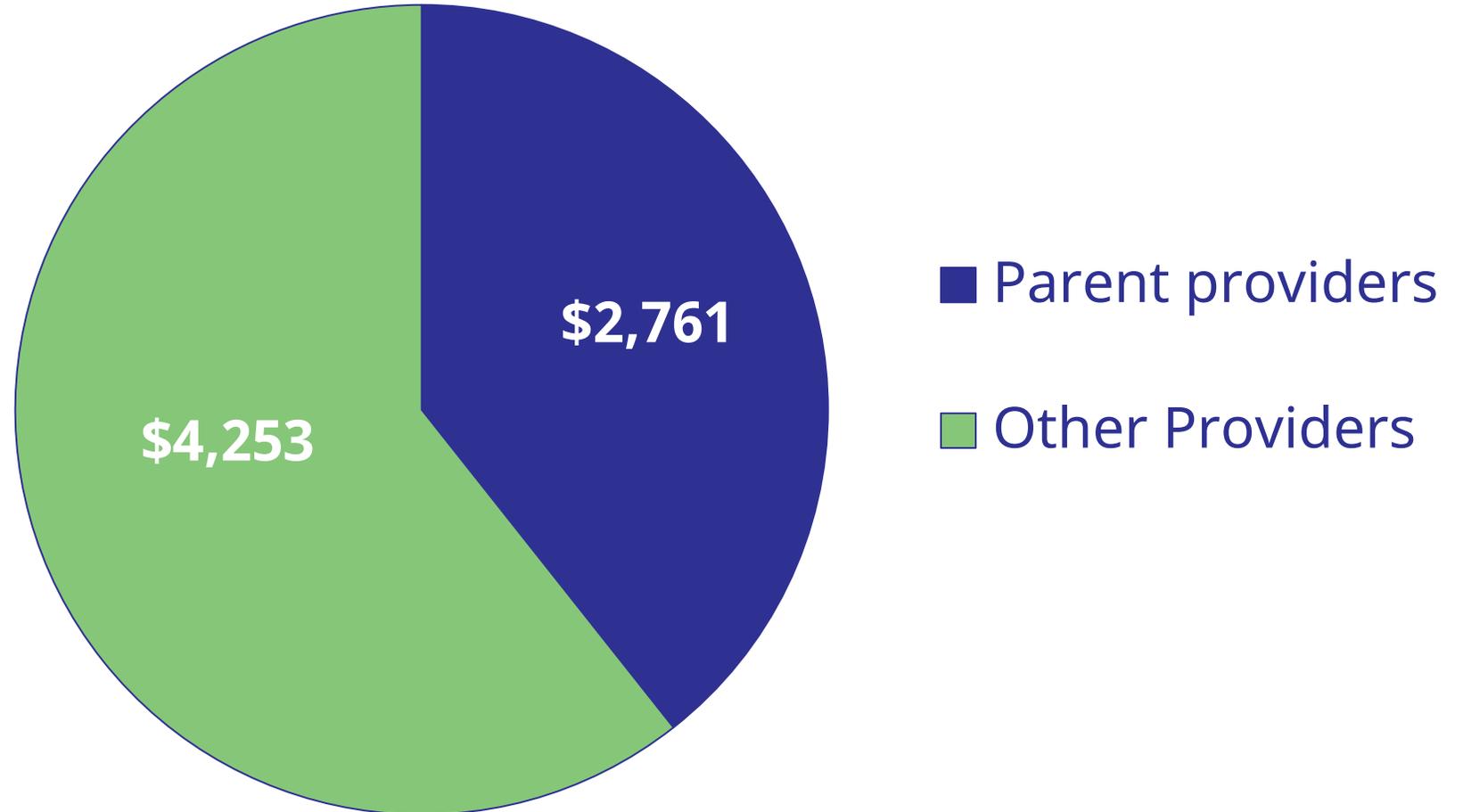
CEN enrollment growth



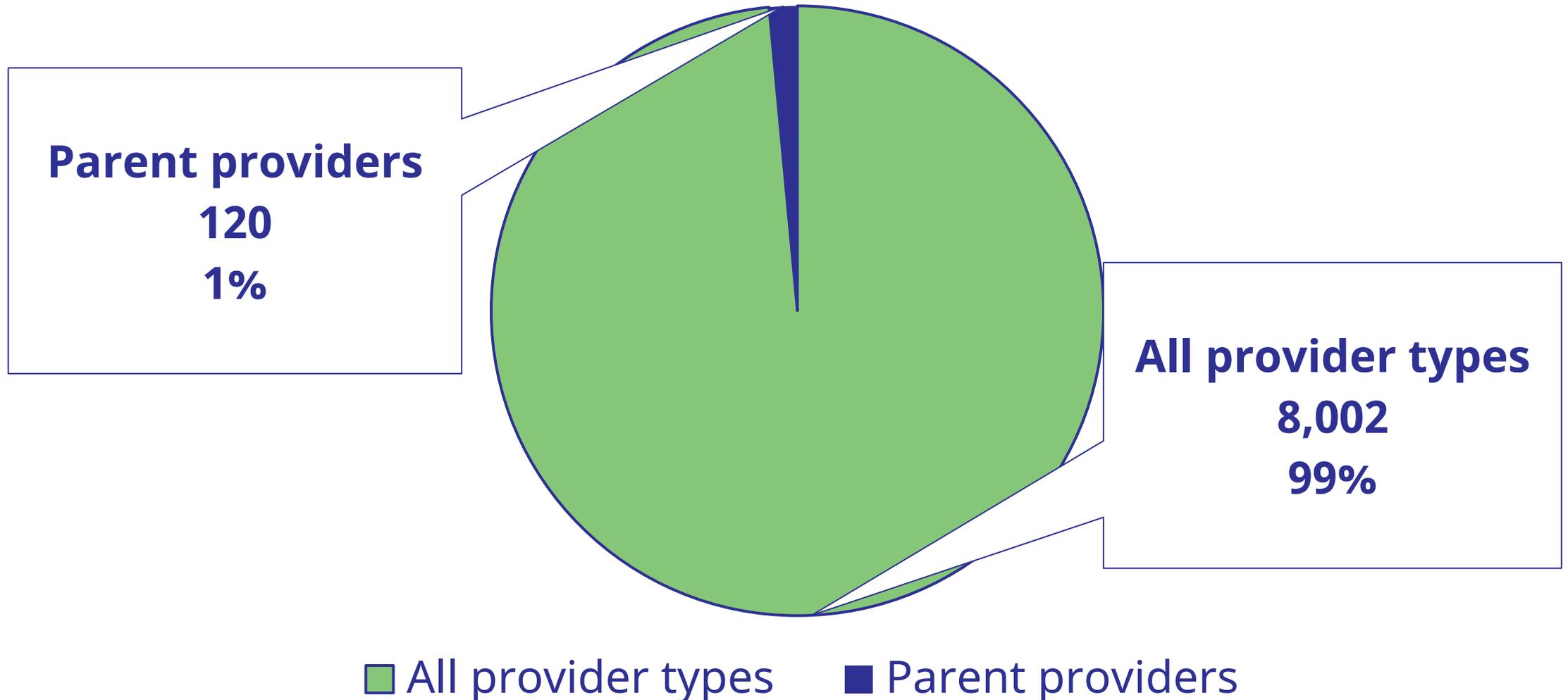
SB 91(1)(10)(c) Cost per case: All children



SB 91(1)(10)(c) total attendant care billing by provider type: CEN only



SB 91(1)(1)(a) children receiving in-home attendant care by provider type



Questions and discussion



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