

# **ODHS Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) Eligibility Overview**

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# ODDS mission

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ODDS, partners and the intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) community work together and strive to provide **services, supports and advocacy** that empower Oregonians with I/DD to live **full lives in their communities**.



# ODDS vision

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People and families access quality supports that are simple to use and responsive to their strengths, needs and choices, while they **live and thrive as valued members of their community.**



# Who is eligible for ODDS' Medicaid-funded services?

Individuals who:

Meet criteria for an **intellectual disability (ID)**  
(onset before age 18)

OR

Meet criteria for a **developmental disability (DD)**  
(onset before age 22)

OR

*For some children under 18 living in their family home:*

Meet clinical criteria as **medically involved** or **medically fragile**

AND

meet a corresponding institutional **level of care**.

AND

meet financial and non-financial **eligibility for Medicaid**.

# Part one: Meet ID, DD or CIIS criteria

Intellectual Disability Onset before age 18	Other Developmental Disability Onset before age 22	Medically Involved or Medically Fragile Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Full-scale IQ under 65</li></ul> <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>FSIQ between 66 and 70 and significant adaptive impairment</li></ul> <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>FSIQ between 71 and 75 and significant adaptive impairment and diagnosis of ID from clinical psychologist</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Medical or clinical diagnosis of other developmental disability (such as autism, Down syndrome, or cerebral palsy) by qualified professional</li></ul> <p>And</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Significant adaptive impairment</li></ul> <p>And</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Needs support similar to that of a person with an intellectual disability</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Score 100 or higher on Medically Involved Clinical Criteria</li></ul> <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Score 45 or higher on Medically Fragile Clinical Criteria expected to last more than two months</li></ul>

# Other developmental disability: Examples

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- To qualify as a person with autism, a medical or clinical diagnosis is required. The individual must fully meet the criteria for the specific "severity level" according to the DSM-V. There are three autism "severity levels".
- Cerebral palsy and Down syndrome also have their own diagnostic criteria.
- For any other developmental disability, significant impairments in adaptive behavior must be directly related to the developmental disability.



## Part two: Qualifying level of care

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- **ID or DD:** Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disability (ICF/IID) Level of Care
- **CIIS Medically Involved:** Nursing Facility Level of Care
- **CIIS Medically Fragile:** Hospital Level of Care

For all levels of care, the person must meet the criteria **and** need waiver services to avoid institutionalization.

States establish the tools that determine levels of care.



# Part three: Medicaid eligibility components

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Must meet non-financial components such as residency, citizenship, etc., as well as financial eligibility requirements.

## Financial Medicaid eligibility

- Based on income
  - Different income limits for specific populations
- Based on family size



# 1915(c) Medicaid Waivers

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- 1915(c) waivers are agreements with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to provide home and community-based services to people who would otherwise be served in an institution.
- ODDS has six (6) 1915(c) waivers:

Adult waiver

Children's waiver

Medically Involved

Medically Fragile

Behavior

Children's Extraordinary Needs

# Waivers and Medicaid eligibility groups

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States must identify the Medicaid eligibility groups included in specific waivers, such as:

- Those who receive SSI
- Those who are eligible through Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI)
- Infants and children under age 19 who are financially eligible based on family size
- Children with adoption assistance, foster care, or guardianship care under title IV-E
- Those who qualify for the 217 group
  - "Parental income disregard"
  - "300% group" or "Special Income Level"



# Questions



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