

# Potential 1115 Demonstration Waiver to Expand Oregon Project Independence

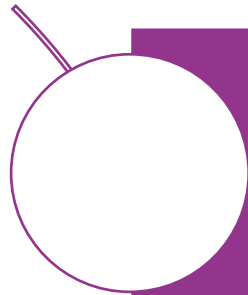
---

**Mike McCormick, Interim Director  
Aging and People with Disabilities**

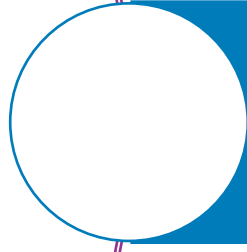
Senate Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery Committee  
April 20, 2021

# APD Budget Note Summary

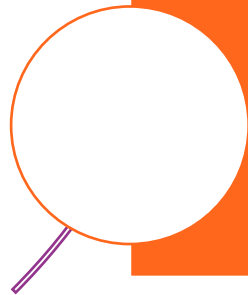
---



Explore federal funding for OPI and Family Caregiver Support in collaboration with Oregon Health Authority.



Convene an advisory committee and recommend design of program, benefit packages and federal approval.



Reported to Human Services committees by December 31, 2020; apply for federal waiver if budget allows, and if separate and distinct from existing Oregon waivers.

## What is Oregon Project Independence (OPI)?

---

- Authorized at [ORS 410.410-ORS 410.480](#)
- Provides limited, in-home services for older adults age 60 and over or younger individuals with a dementia diagnosis:
  - Individuals must meet the state's expanded level of care called [Service Priority Levels 1 -18](#);
  - 12 counties also provide a pilot program for adults with physical disabilities under 60;
  - Budget is \$28 million GF; and
  - Serves approximately 3,500 individuals.

# What is Family Caregiver Supports (FCS)?

---

## **Provides supports to family caregivers including:**

- Information and assistance
- Training
- Counseling
- Support groups
- Respite services (a break from caregiving)

## **Services caregivers caring for someone who is:**

- Age 60 or older
- Any age with Alzheimer's or a related disease
- Age 55 and older who are raising a related child
- Age 55 or older, including parents, who are caring for an adult with a disability age 18-59

## Why Focus on OPI and FCS?

---



# What is an 1115 Demonstration Waiver?

---

**States may propose to test what Medicaid does not currently offer, such as:**

- New services
- Expanded or limited benefit packages
- Consumers not otherwise Medicaid eligible

**Must be budget neutral to federal government.**

**Typically runs 3-5 years, with possibility for renewal.**



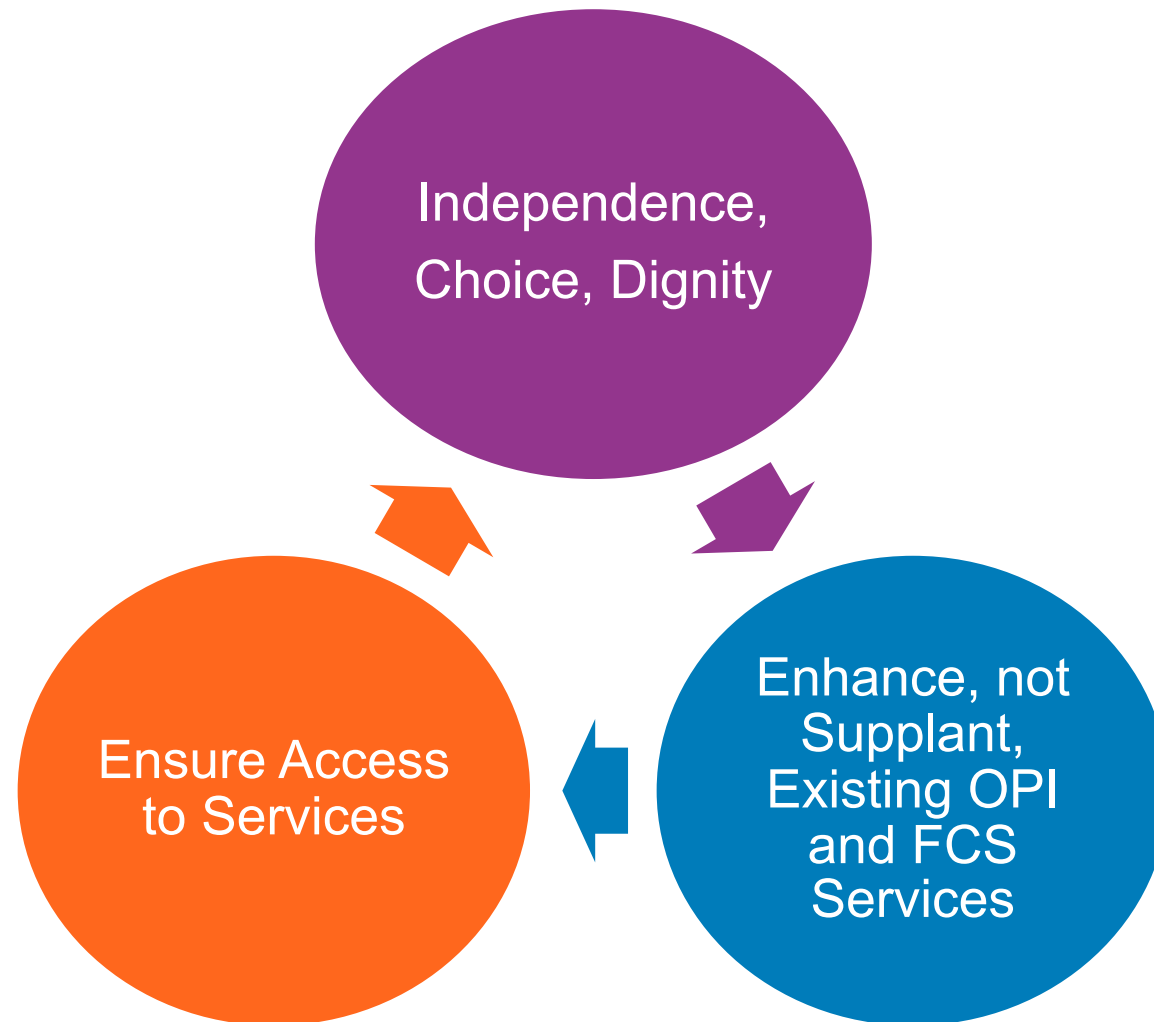
# **Budget Note Process: Advisory Committee**

---

- **Legislature directed ODHS to convene committee and make recommendations to gain federal funds for OPI and FCS**
- **Advisory Committee met in January, February and June 2020**
- **Membership:**
  - Consumer advocacy groups
  - Consumers
  - Providers
  - Area Agencies on Aging
  - Commissioners and local consumer advisory committees

# Advisory Committee: Principles

---





# Advisory Committee: Recommendations for Eligibility

---

Income: Up to 400% Federal Poverty Level

Assets: no more than average cost of six months in a nursing facility (~\$60,000)

Meets Service Priority Levels 1-18 for assistance with Activities of Daily Living

No estate recovery and not currently receiving Medicaid

# Advisory Committee: Recommendations for Services

---

- OPI: Maintain current service package and expand number of Oregonians receiving services.
- FCS: Provide up to \$500 per month of services to maintain family or unpaid caregiver services
- Maintain \$5 million from current OPI funding to serve consumers who do not qualify for federal demonstration projects.



## **Governor's Recommended Budget**

---

**Governor's Recommended Budget proposed funding to pursue a Demonstration for OPI only:**

- \$28M GF
- \$35M FF
- \$63M TF

Potentially expands services to an additional 2,250 consumers without additional general fund investment.

# Family Caregiver Support

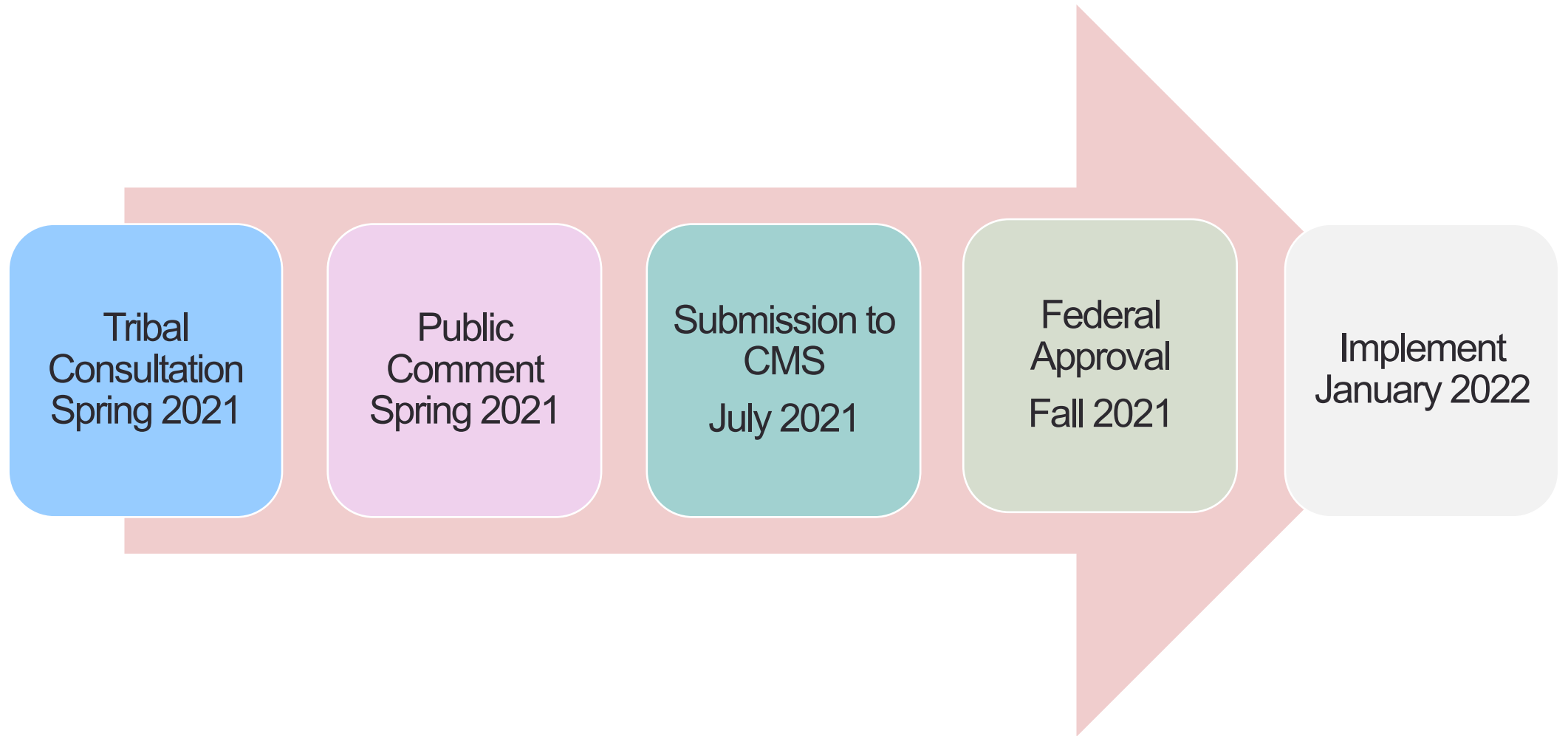
---

## **Governor's Office Support for Family Caregiver Support**

- Fiscal Impact TBD

# Timeline if Approved

---



# Questions & Answers

---

# Thank You

---