

Presentation to the House Committee on
Early Childhood and Human Services

SB 20: Employed Persons with Disabilities expansion

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Program overview

Currently, EPD provides **medical coverage and long-term care services** to **3,021 people** who meet the following criteria:

Have a physical, cognitive, mental health or developmental disability, or are legally blind

Are employed receiving a taxable wage or self-employed

Have countable resources of \$5,000 or less

Their monthly adjusted earned income is no more than 250% of Federal Poverty Level – \$3,261

Their gross earnings are no more than \$6,607 monthly (more with qualifying expenses)

EPD benefits

May be used to supplement other types of medical coverage, such as private health insurance and Medicare

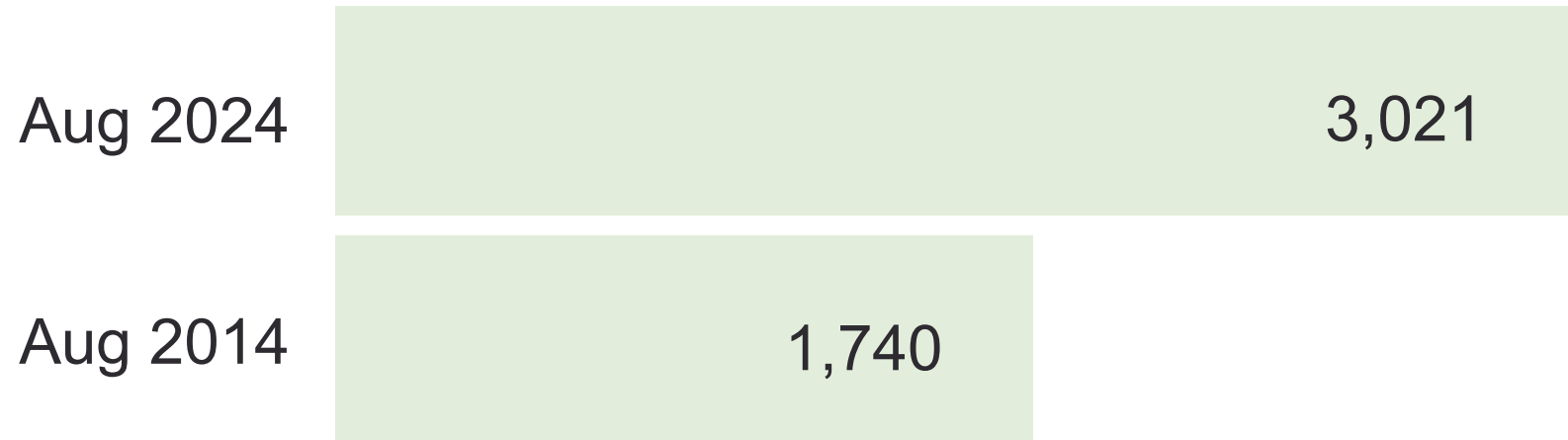
Qualified individuals may receive Medicaid long-term services and supports, which are rarely included in major medical insurance plans

Covers pre-existing conditions

Participants pay \$0 to \$150 per month

Participation trends

Participation in EPD has nearly doubled in the past 10 years.



SB 20 would expand the EPD program

In 2024

322 individuals

were **denied** EPD coverage or **lost** their coverage because of being over the income requirement.

SB 20 would:

- Eliminate income limits
- Eliminate resource limits
- Expand lower age limit from 18 to 16
- Allow continued eligibility for medically improved individuals

Allow more people with disabilities to consider working.

2025-27 Fiscal impact – APD's analysis

Projected annual costs* for long-term care services

- In-Home Care: **\$1.56 million**
41 individuals × \$3,177/month
- Community-Based Care: **\$267,984**
4 individuals × \$5,583/month

* Using a 13.98% historical enrollment rate for EPD participants needing long-term care services. This is a minimum estimate, as more individuals may apply.

Additional staffing needs:

- 4 disability analysts to evaluate disability and medical improvement status
- 1 case manager

Total ODHS FIS:

- 2025-2027: \$1.81 million GF
- 2027-2029: \$2.53 million GF

Additional fiscal impacts

- **OHA:** Costs related to increased EPD medical enrollment.
- **Systems:** Required updates to the ONE and MMIS systems.
- **Training:** Eligibility and disability determination staff will require training on new eligibility criteria.



Questions?

Thank you.

