

AB 637 PUBLIC MEETING ENHANCED TAILORED DAY SERVICES

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Welcome



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- **Assembly Bill (AB) 637 Waiver**
- **Review of Enhanced Tailored Day Service (TDS) proposal**
- **Questions/Comments**

AB 637 Waiver



Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) section 4669.2 governs the AB637/1543/1106 waiver proposal process

Allows regional centers to develop “innovative means of providing needed services”; introduce something new or make changes to improve existing service

Regional Center of Orange County (RCOC) plans to request a waiver to California WIC Section 4688.21(b)(9)

The waiver is necessary to allow the day program service provider the means and resources to provide this much needed service

AB 637 Waiver, Continued

- **Requirements for the waiver:**
 - **Demonstrate that a need for the waiver exists**
 - **Demonstrate the waiver is cost-effective**
 - **Gather input from the local community**
 - **Meets the Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) Waiver**

Introduction

RCOC is committed to providing employment supports and opportunities for individuals of all abilities and who have varying support needs.

An Enhanced Tailored Day Service (TDS) is designed to serve individuals who:

- 1) Are seeking internship or employment opportunities and have more intensive support needs.**
- 2) Need additional time for job readiness, exploration and coaching.**
- 3) Need or may require extended training and development over a longer period of time to achieve employment.**
- 4) Require ongoing individualized job coaching supports to maintain success on the job**

Referrals would be made by the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) based on the individual's assessed need for enhanced supports.

Need for Services



- Rate reform impacted some services ability to provide individualized supports under their existing model
- Some individuals who have an expressed desire to attain employment need more intensive supports
- These individuals previously received 1:1 supports under one service
- RCOC is seeking to replicate this service within existing service models that includes and combines supported employment individual and tailored day services

Need for Services, continued

- Statute limits the total monthly TDS hours to not be more than the number of days in the month TDS is authorized, multiplied by four (which is typically 80 hours per month)
- Supported employment individual services (service code 952) are typically provided to support an individual at a job site and limited to employment related matters
- Supported employment services are expected to decrease/fade over time

Reasons Individuals Require Enhanced TDS

- Strong desire to attain employment and are not interested in attending a traditional day program
- Attended day programs and have not had the employment outcome they want
- Attempted traditional day services and exited or left program voluntarily
- Require ongoing 1:1 support to maintain successful and sustainable employment

Enhanced TDS Model

- Job coaching support is provided throughout the duration of the individual's internship or employment
- Provides pre-internship and community-based supports while a job is being developed
- Once internship is identified or job is developed, job supports shift to be funded under supported employment individual service or provided under TDS if enhanced supports are needed
- Non-employment related activities will be funded under TDS consistent with WIC 4488.21(b)(1)(c)
- Supports quality completion of the individual's job duties leading to sustainable long-term employment

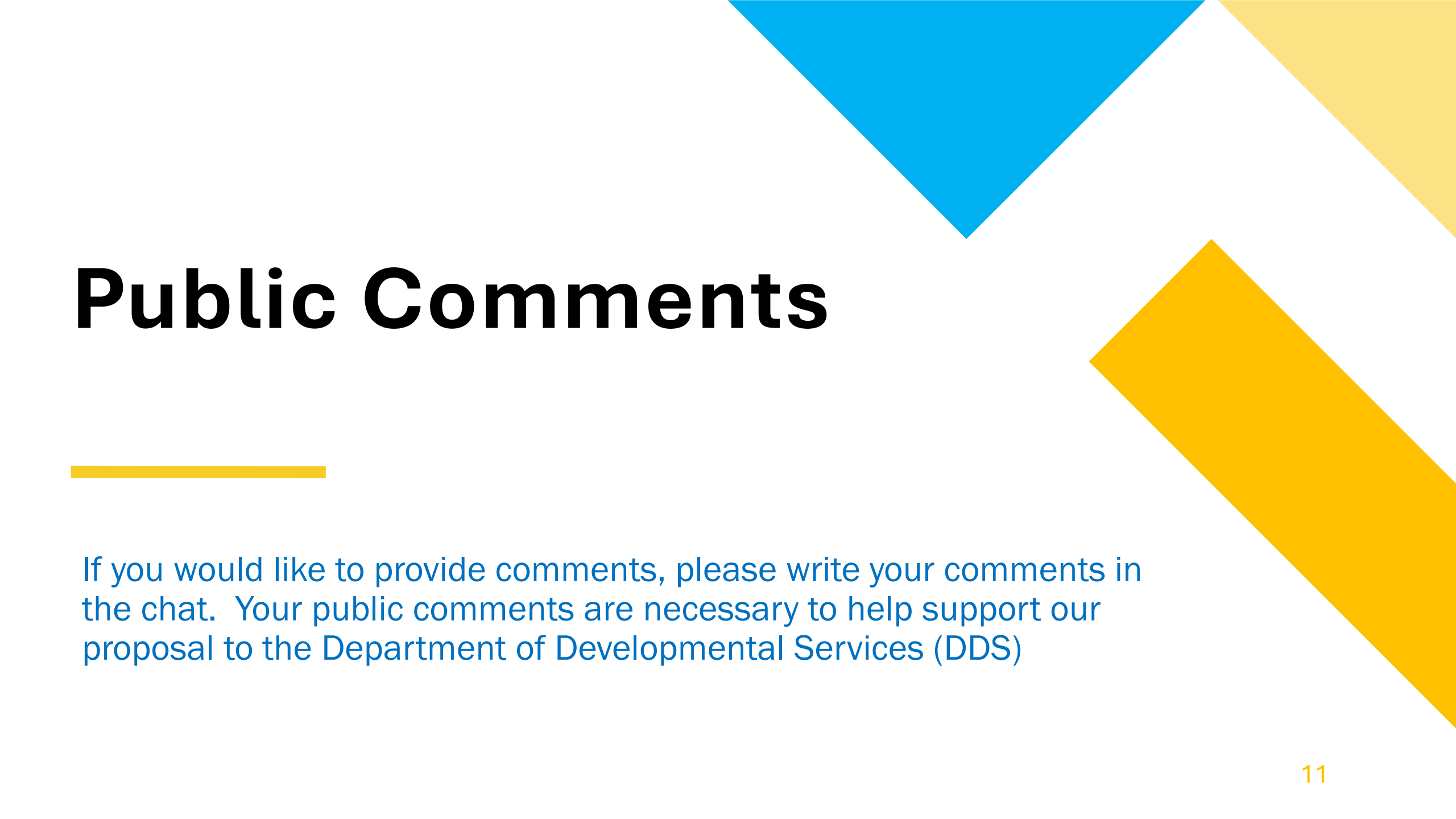
Enhanced TDS Model, continued

- Provides up to 30 hours per week of TDS which will be time-limited pending development of an internship or job
- No change to the current established TDS rate
- RCOC will request that DDS waive Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4488.21(b)(9) which states:

The total monthly hours of tailored day services shall not exceed the number of days in the month tailored day services are authorized, multiplied by four.

- **Senate Bill 163 (2026 Developmental Services Budget Trailer Bill) amended WIC Section 4688.21 authorizing TDS to be provided on the same day as supported employment individual so long as the two services do not overlap**

Public Comments



If you would like to provide comments, please write your comments in the chat. Your public comments are necessary to help support our proposal to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS)