

Office of Developmental Disabilities

A message from Lilia Teninty, Director



January 8, 2016

To: All ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

Hello:

As we move into 2016 I want everyone to be aware and informed of the proposed changes in Comprehensive and the Support Services Waiver amendments. The changes are summarized below. Both amendments are still open for comments through January.

Here are summaries of the proposed changes in the waiver amendments:

This Comprehensive Waiver amendment application is requesting to:

In Appendix B-4 b add 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) and 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(III), (IV), (VI), and (VII); 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IV) and (IX); and 1931(b) and (d) of the Act eligibility groups.

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- Add a new waiver service, Direct Nursing.

In Appendix E - technical adjustments

In Appendix I and waiver years three - five in Appendix J Revise rates for Supported Employment - Job Coaching, Job Development and for

Discovery/Career Exploration Services. Also, update projections for Case Management.

Quality Improvement Strategy in Appendix A, B, C, D, G, H, and I - revised Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems to reflect timelines in current rule. The waiver currently reads Corrective Action Plans: Within 30 days of Department's identification of need for plan of correction, entities reviewed must submit a plan of correction. Revised will read Corrective Action Plans: Within 45 days of Department's identification of need for plan of correction, entities reviewed must submit a plan of correction.

This Support Services amendment application is requesting to:

In Appendix B-3 (1 of 4) increase the unduplicated number of participants for years two – five to address the waiting list and increased future capacity.

In Appendix B-4 b add 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) eligibility group

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To read the entire amendments:

<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/DHSNEWS/NewsReleases/Comprehensive-Support%20Services%20waiver%20amendments.pdf>.

On-site visits coming to foster care and 24-hour residential service settings

We are starting a new phase in ODDS's transition to comply with the new Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) regulations. We are rolling out an HCBS On-Site Compliance Assessment for Residential and Non-Residential Service Settings. This On-Site Compliance Assessment is intended to:

- Validate the recent HCBS Individual Experience and Provider Self-Assessment surveys.
- Provide additional data to ODDS on how our Residential Programs compare to the new HCBS rules.
- Help to identify areas that changes will need to be made on a discrete provider/facility level.

Most providers who operate foster care or 24-hour residential service settings will be receiving an on-site visit to each of the homes they operate during the 2016 year. The visits began this month.

The visits may be conducted as part of a licensing/certification renewal visit, but may also be a monitoring visit. The assessments are conducted by Office of Regulatory Oversight (OLRO), CDDP, Region, or ODDS staff. Providers are encouraged to use the assessment form to do a self-evaluation before their on-site visit to start identifying areas they may need to work on.

Providers will receive a copy of the assessment or a report informing them of their current status based on the on-site visit. Providers will be asked to create a plan to come into compliance with the new HCBS regulations

by September, 1, 2018, for any areas that do not currently meet the new rules. We are in the process of developing training materials and tools for providers and our field to continue this process. Communication about trainings and instructions for providers will be available soon.

The residential assessment forms, instructions for reviewers, a PowerPoint presentation, and Q & A document are all available on the ODDS Tools page at: <http://www.dhs.state.or.us/spd/tools/dd/index.htm>. Additional information about HCBS is available at: <http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/seniorsdisabilities/HCBS/Pages/index.aspx>.

Related non-residential tools also will be available and posted to the ODDS tools page soon. Employment and day service providers will also receive correspondence with additional information in the coming weeks.

Transmittals for the week of January 4, 2016

- Process for Determining Rates for ALF and RCF Settings through DD Funding (correction)
- Adult Foster Care COLA (correction)
- DD Intake Form 0552
- Supported Living budget tool

To read all transmittals:

<http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/spd/transmit/transmit.htm>

Sincerely,

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