

Policy Transmittal

Office of Child Welfare Programs



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Topic: Related to COVID-19-Temporary Amendment of Oregon Administrative Rules (Divisions 040, 070, 090 and 200) and Child Welfare Procedure Manual Update

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New policy
 Policy change
 Policy clarification
 Executive letter
 Administrative Rule
 Manual Update
 Other:

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: {Select type} | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children’s Intensive In Home Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children’s Residential Services | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Policy/Rule Title:	Division 040 Case Management — Service Plans Division 070 Substitute Care Division 090 Substitute Care — Payments Division 200 Foster Home Certification
Policy/Rule Number(s):	413-040-0000 Definitions, 413-070-0000 Definitions, 413-090-0010 Authorized Payments, 413-200-0260 Definitions
Effective Date:	All temporary rules are currently effective
References:	
Web Address:	Child Welfare Procedure Manual here and here .

Discussion/Interpretation: In response to Covid-19, the Department has temporarily amended several Oregon Administrative Rules bring the rules into alignment with the current state of emergency and Governor Brown’s executive orders. In Divisions 040, 070 and 200, the definitions of “Face-to-face” and “Home visits” have been amended

to allow required face-to-face and home visits to be completed by video-conference or telephonically with approval from a supervisor during any state of emergency.

In Division 090, the rule has been amended to allow for supervisors to approve specific alternative care reimbursements to certified foster parents and relative caregivers during a state of emergency for costs associated with additional supervision needs arising during the state of emergency.

The Child Welfare Procedure Manual has been updated to reflect the guidance and procedures related to these emergency changes. All updates related to Covid-19 have been placed at the beginning of the manual and will continue to be updated as the state of emergency continues. Once the state of emergency and executive orders have been lifted, the section related to Covid-19 will be removed from the manual.

Please be aware that several more rule divisions may need similar amendments. If staff encounters areas where such change is needed, please contact the Child Welfare Policy Unit. The programs and the Child Welfare Policy Unit will evaluate whether these changes need to be made permanent.

Training/Communication Plan: Managers to review with staff for knowledge in subject content. Staff should refer to procedure when working with anyone with whom this subject matter applies.

If you have any questions about this policy transmittal, please contact:

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