

Secretary of State
**CERTIFICATE AND ORDER FOR FILING TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
and
STATEMENT OF NEED AND JUSTIFICATION**

I certify that the attached copies are true, full and correct copies of the TEMPORARY Rule(s) adopted on
September 28, 2017 by the Oc

Department of Human Services, Office of Self-Sufficiency Programs	461
Agency and Division	Chapter Number

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to become effective October 1, 2017 through March 29, 2018.*

**Temporary rules are effective for a maximum of 180 days including the effective date.*

Rule Caption: Revising rules about self-sufficiency programs

In the Matter of: Amending 461-155-0180

AMEND: 461-155-0180

ORS 329A.500, 409.050, 411.060, 411.070, 411.816, , 412.014, 412.049

Stat. Auth.

Other Auth.

ORS 329A.500, 409.010, 411.060, 411.070, 411.816, , 412.014, 412.049

Stats. Implemented

Rule Summary

OAR 461-155-0180 is being amended to follow federal poverty guidelines that are currently in effect, including correcting an error in one earlier standard that did not reflect actual practices. The standards being changed affect benefit decisions in the ERDC, REFM, SNAP, and TANF programs.

Need for the Rules

OAR 461-155-0180 needs to be amended to accurately state eligibility policies for the ERDC, REFM, SNAP, and TANF programs by following federal poverty guidelines that are currently in effect, including correcting an error in one earlier standard that did not reflect actual practices.

Documents Relied Upon

USDA Food and Nutrition Service, “SNAP --Fiscal Year 2018 Cost-of-Living Adjustments”, July 28, 2017 available at https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/snap/SNAP_Fiscal_Year_2018_Cost_of_Living_Adjustments.pdf

Justification of Temporary Rules

The Department finds that failure to act promptly by amending OAR 461-155-0180 will result in serious prejudice to the public interest, the Department, and some Department clients because the Department rules must comply with the federal standards in effect on October 1, 2017 and because the Department issues benefits for large numbers of clients on an ongoing basis.

Approved for Filing:

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Date

Income Standards; Not OSIP, OSIPM, QMB

- (1) A Department program may cite this rule if the program uses a monthly income standard based on the federal poverty level or state median income. The standards in this rule are effective as of ~~March-October~~ 1, 2017, except as provided otherwise.
- (2) A monthly income standard set at 100 percent of the ~~2016-2017~~ federal poverty level is set at the following amounts:

Size of Group	Standard
1	\$ 9901,005
2	1,335354
3	1,680702
4	2,025050
5	2,370399
6	2,715747
7	3,061095
8	3,408444
9	3,755792
10	4,102140
+1	+347349

- (3) A monthly income standard set at 130 percent of the ~~2016-2017~~ federal poverty level is set at the following amounts:

Size of Group	Standard
1	\$ 1,287307
2	1,736760
3	2,184213
4	2,633665
5	3,081118
6	3,530571
7	3,9804,024
8	4,430477
9	4,881930
10	5,332382
+1	451453

- (4) ~~A-Effective March 1, 2017, a~~ monthly income standard set at 185 percent of the 2017 federal poverty level is set at the following amounts:

Size of Group	Standard
1	\$1,860

2	2,504
3	3,149
4	3,795 <u>793</u>
5	4,437
6	5,082
7	5,726
8	6,371
9	7,016 <u>015</u>
10	7,661 <u>659</u>
+1	+645

- (5) A monthly income standard set at 200 percent of the ~~2016-2017~~ federal poverty level is set at the following amounts:

Size of Group	Standard
1	\$1,980 <u>2,010</u>
2	2,670 <u>707</u>
3	3,360 <u>403</u>
4	4,050 <u>100</u>
5	4,740 <u>797</u>
6	5,430 <u>493</u>
7	6,122 <u>190</u>
8	6,815 <u>887</u>
+1	+694 <u>697</u>

- (6) A monthly income standard set at 250 percent of the 2017 federal poverty level is set at the following amounts:

Size of Group	Standard
2	\$3,385
3	4,255
4	5,125
5	5,998
6	6,868
7	7,738
8	8,610

- (7) A monthly income standard set at 350 percent of the 2016 federal poverty level is set at the following amounts:

Size of Group	Standard
1	\$3,465
2	4,673
3	5,880
4	7,088

5	8,295
6	9,503
7	10,713
8	11,927
9	13,140
10	14,353
+1	1,214

- (8) A monthly income standard set at 85 percent of the 2017 state median income is set at the following amounts:

Size of Group	Standard
2	\$3,493
3	4,315
4	5,137
5	5,929
6	6,781
7	6,935
8	7,089

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