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NEED FOR THE RULE(S):

OAR 461-160-0620 about income deductions and client liability for Long Term Care Services or Home and Community Based Care needs to be amended to keep the Department in line with current federal standards for Medicaid programs and changes to the Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MMMNA) and community spouse monthly housing allowance under the Spousal Impoverishment laws by updating the minimum community spouse income allowance (MMMNA) and the community spouse monthly housing allowance, which are published by the federal government each year.

JUSTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY FILING:

The Department finds that failure to act promptly by amending OAR 461-160-0620 will result in serious prejudice to the public interest, the Department, and some individuals residing in or entering a long-term care facility or receiving home and community-based care because the Department continually determines eligibility for the OSIPM program and must comply with updated federal eligibility standards.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:

None

AMEND: 461-160-0620

RULE SUMMARY: OAR 461-160-0620 about income deductions and client liability for Long Term Care Services and Waivered Services is being amended to adjust these standards to reflect the annual federal cost of living adjustments that happen every January. These amendments keep Oregon in line with current federal standards for Department Medicaid programs and changes in the cost of living.

CHANGES TO RULE:

461-160-0620

In the OSIPM program:¶

(1) Deductions from income are made for an individual residing in or entering a long-term care facility or receiving home and community-based care (see OAR 461-001-0030) as explained in subsections (3)(a) to (3)(h) of this rule.¶

(2) Except as provided otherwise in OAR 461-160-0610, the liability of the individual is determined according to subsection (3)(i) of this rule.¶

(3) Deductions are made in the following order:¶

(a) One standard earned income deduction of \$65 is made from the earned income in the OSIPM program.¶

(b) The deductions under the plan for self-support as allowed by OAR 461-145-0405.¶

(c) One of the following need standards:¶

(A) A \$63.10 personal needs allowance for an individual receiving long-term care services.¶

(B) A \$90 personal needs allowance for an individual receiving long-term care services who is eligible for VA benefits based on unreimbursed medical expenses. The \$90 allowance is allowed only when the VA benefit has been reduced to \$90.¶

(C) For an individual who receives home and community-based care:¶

(i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the OSIPM maintenance standard.¶

(ii) For an individual who receives in-home services, the OSIPM maintenance standard plus \$500.¶

(d) A community spouse (see OAR 461-001-0030) monthly income allowance is deducted from the income of the institutionalized spouse (see OAR 461-001-0030) to the extent that the income is made available to or for the benefit of the community spouse, using the following calculation.¶

(A) Step 1 - Determine the maintenance needs allowance.  $\$2,057.50$ ~~113.75~~ is added to the amount over  $\$617.25$ ~~34.13~~ that is needed to pay monthly shelter expenses for the principal residence of the couple. This sum or  $\$3,160.50$ , whichever is less, is the maintenance needs allowance. For the purpose of this calculation, shelter expenses are the rent or home mortgage payment (principal and interest), taxes, insurance, required maintenance charges for a condominium or cooperative, and the full standard utility allowance for the SNAP program (see OAR 461-160-0420). If an all-inclusive rate covers items that are not allowable shelter expenses, including meals or housekeeping in an assisted living facility, or the rate includes utilities, to the extent they can be distinguished, these items must be deducted from the all-inclusive rate to determine allowable shelter expenses.¶

(B) Step 2 - Compare maintenance needs allowance with community spouse's countable income. The countable (see OAR 461-001-0000) income of the community spouse is subtracted from the maintenance needs allowance determined in step 1. The difference is the income allowance unless the allowance described in step 3 is greater.¶

(C) Step 3 - If a spousal support order or exceptional circumstances resulting in significant financial distress require a greater income allowance than that calculated in step 2, the greater amount is the allowance.¶

(e) A dependent income allowance as follows:¶

(A) For a case with a community spouse, a deduction is permitted only if the monthly income of the eligible dependent is below  $\$2,057.50$ ~~113.75~~. To determine the income allowance of each eligible dependent:¶

(i) The monthly income of the eligible dependent is deducted from  $\$2,057.50$ ~~113.75~~.¶

(ii) One-third of the amount remaining after the subtraction in paragraph (A) of this subsection is the income allowance of the eligible dependent.¶

(B) For a case with no community spouse:¶

(i) The allowance is the TANF adjusted income standard (see OAR 461-155-0030) for the individual and eligible dependents.¶

(ii) The TANF standard is not reduced by the income of the dependent.¶

(f) Costs for maintaining a home if the individual meets the criteria in OAR 461-160-0630.¶

(g) Medical deductions allowed by OAR 461-160-0030 and 461-160-0055 are made for costs not covered under the state plan.¶

(h) After taking all the deductions allowed by this rule, the remaining balance is the adjusted income (see OAR

461-001-0000).¶

(i) The individual's liability is determined as follows:¶

(A) For an individual receiving home and community-based care (except an individual identified in OAR 461-160-0610(4)), the liability is the actual cost of the home and community-based care or the adjusted income of the individual, whichever is less. This amount must be paid to the Department or the home and community-based care facility each month as a condition of being eligible for home and community-based care. In OSIPM-IC, the liability is subtracted from the gross monthly benefit.¶

(B) For an individual who resides in a nursing facility, the liability is the actual cost of services or the adjusted income of the individual, whichever is less. This amount must be paid to the facility each month as a condition of being eligible for nursing facility services.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 409.050, 411.060, 411.070, 411.404, 411.706, 413.085, 414.065, 414.685

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 409.010, 411.060, 411.070, 411.404, 411.706, 413.085, 414.065, 414.685, 42

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