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Topic: Agency-wide Policy

Subject: Presumptive referrals

**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        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Health Services                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Children, Adults and Families | <input type="checkbox"/> | Seniors and People with Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | County DD Program Managers    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (please specify):              |

**Message:** In order to ensure appropriate referrals are made to the local SPD or AAA offices for a disability decision when a client alleges they have a disability, we are providing a reminder of existing procedures that are to be followed.

**CAF Offices**

Clients, age 19 or above, who indicate they are disabled need to be evaluated for a possible presumptive referral to the local SPD or AAA office using your local office referral process. **Do so only after evaluating for all other "Plus" Self-Sufficiency medical programs.** SPD or AAA referrals for applicants who may only be considered for OHP-OPU should be completed immediately, even in cases where the applicant will be pended for OHP-OPU eligibility.

CAF Self-Sufficiency and SPD have jointly developed a Worker Guide explaining the process. The SPD WG-4 "Presumptive Medicaid Decision Procedures" is available at:

<http://www.dhs.state.or.us/spd/tools/program/osip/wg4.htm>

Check with your lead worker or manager for more information about your branch's referral process for the Oregon Supplemental Income Program Medical (OSIPM).

Clients referred to SPD or AAA offices for a presumptive disability decision should be sent the GSOSIPR "OSIPM Referral" notice available on NoticeWriter. Clients denied for Self Sufficiency medical prior to the referral will also need to be sent the [DHS 0462C\(pdf\)](#) "Medical Assistance Denial - Children, Adults and Families Programs." The [DHS 0462C\(pdf\)](#) is

available on the DHS forms web page and as NoticeWriter notice CM0462C.

A client must be considered for a referral to the local SPD or AAA office when they answer affirmatively to the following questions on the 415F application when applying for medical assistance:

- Does the client have a disability?
- Is the disability expected to last for 12 full months?

And on the Oregon Health Plan application (7210);

- Will the disability prevent them from working for 12 full months?

If the client answers 'yes' to these questions, make a referral to SPD or AAA, if appropriate, following your local branch procedures.

NOTE: If the client has been denied by the Social Security Administration (SSA) in the last 12 months due to not meeting SSA's disability criteria, or is in the appeals process with SSA, DHS is bound by that decision and a referral should not be made to the local SPD or AAA office unless the client alleges a new or different medical condition.

Once the referral is made, the local SPD or AAA office will initiate contact with the client and refer the case to the Presumptive Medicaid Disability Determination Team (PMDDT) for a disability determination if appropriate.

### **PMDDT**

PMDDT (the Presumptive Medicaid Disability Determination Team) makes disability determinations for the purposes of OSIPM (Presumptive Medicaid). PMDDT uses the same disability criteria as the Social Security Administration.

*If you have any questions about this information, contact:*

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