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Topic: Cash Payments

Subject: March 2012 JOBS program changes (activities and support services)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): Self-Sufficiency |

Message:

Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 461-190-0211 will be amended to reflect retroactive changes to the Job Opportunity and Basic Skills (JOBS) program for clients in TANF and Pre-TANF programs during the 2011-13 biennium. The changes, funded primarily through JOBS budget balances as a result of the tight program restrictions implemented in July 1, 2011, are consistent with the TANF budget note recommendations presented during the 2012 legislative session and the program priorities identified through DHS leadership forums. They were approved and made effective March 14, 2012.

A formal policy transmittal will be sent once the rule-filing process is complete. In the meantime the following changes can be implemented immediately:

JOBS ACTIVITIES

- Work Experience (WE) and Supported Work (SW) activities are no longer limited to four months for individuals to gain additional job skills and work history;
- Limited barrier-removal JOBS activity codes have been reactivated for districts to use on a case-by-case basis and depending on need: DA (addictions), ME (medical-related), MH (mental health), and RA (rehabilitative services).

JOBS SUPPORT SERVICES

- District monthly family support services maximum amounts have been removed;
- Limited support services for participation in barrier removal activities (DA, ME, MH, RA) may be issued as determined by the District on a case-by-case basis and depending on need. Medical transportation should still be used for appointments;

- Districts will be responsible for closely monitoring expenditures and managing to the local JOBS budget set aside for support services.

See the [JOBS Activities and Support Services Quick Reference Guide](#) for additional information.

Updated guidance documents will continue to be posted at the “Inside DHS - Self Sufficiency Program Changes: 2011-2013” site at: <https://inside.dhsoha.state.or.us/ss-program-changes-11-13.html>.

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