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Issue Date: 07/31/2009

Topic: Cash Payments

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 | <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): SSP TANF managers and staff responsible for determining TANF eligibility |

Policy/Rule Title:	OAR: Specific Requirements; MAA, MAF, and TANF		
Policy/Rule Number(s):	Rule: OAR 461-135-0070	Release No:	
Effective Date:	August 1, 2009	Expiration:	Indefinite
References:			
Web Address:	OAR 461-135-0070		

Discussion/Interpretation:

As a result of recent legislation, changes were made to OAR [461-135-0070](#) (Specific Requirements; MAA, MAF, and TANF) including a requirement that a caretaker relative in the need group not be separated from their most recent employment for reasons which would or do result in a denial of unemployment compensation (UC) in Oregon.

The change, which was implemented on May 1, 2009, will continue. The following amendments were made to the OAR:

- Made minor changes to the definition of “most recent employment”;
- Added UC denial reasons which apply to this rule; and
- Added provisions for exempting Parents as Scholars (PAS) participants from the requirements of the rule.

The rule applies to all applicants where TANF eligibility is being considered.

The rule also applies to families re-establishing eligibility through TANF re-determinations. It will apply to those families doing a re-certification.

Implementation/Transition Instructions:

Use this rule to establish or re-establish eligibility for:

- All applicants, regardless of the Date of Request (DOR) for TANF, and
- Families re-establishing eligibility through TANF re-determination.

Training/Communication Plan: The changes are being incorporated into existing training for self-sufficiency staff.

Local/Branch Action Required: Local manager's to review with staff. Use amended rule to make eligibility determinations for applicants and recipients at the time of re-determination.

Central Office Action Required: Amended OAR [461-135-0070](#)

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

Filing Instructions:

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