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Topic: Cash Payments

Subject: Definition of Caretaker Relative for TANF

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"/> County DD Program Managers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): TANF eligibility workers |

Policy/Rule Title:	Who can be a caretaker relative for TANF		
Policy/Rule Number(s):	OAR 461-001-0000	Release No:	
Effective Date:	05/01/2012	Expiration:	
References:			
Web Address:			

Discussion/Interpretation:

The definition of caretaker relative is being changed for TANF to align with state statute. This rule change will not change the definition of caretaker relative for other programs.

The **new** definition of caretaker relative for TANF is:

A caretaker relative means a dependent child's father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew or niece who lives in a residence maintained by one or more of the relatives as the child's or the relative's own home.

Implementation/Transition Instructions:

Staff who determine eligibility for TANF should start applying the definition effective May 1, 2012, for any new TANF intakes. For ongoing TANF cases please review at redetermination.

Training/Communication Plan: The Training unit is updating TANF training materials.

Local/Branch Action Required: Use the new definition of caretaker relative effective May 1, 2012. At redetermination make sure relationship of caretaker relative and child fit within the new definition.

Central Office Action Required: Updating rule and FSM.

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

Filing Instructions:

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