

Policy Transmittal Office of Self-Sufficiency Programs



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Topic: Child Care

Due date: 05/26/2020

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: {Select type} | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self-Sufficiency Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): Direct Pay Unit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Policy/rule title:	Temporary ERDC eligibility change, \$0 copays extended		
Policy/rule number(s):	461-135-0440 Temporary Policies for Child Care Benefit Eligibility and Payment (ERDC and TANF); COVID-19	Release number:	
Effective date:	10/01/2020	Expiration date:	12/31/2020 or until further notice
Web address:	https://apps.state.or.us/cf1/caf/arm/A/461-135-0440.htm		

UPDATE:

Oregon Department of Human Services has received additional funding to extend the \$0 copay policy for families certifying or recertifying through December 31, 2020.

It is important to continue to code the COV case descriptor on new and recertifying cases through December 31, 2020.

Discussion/interpretation:

The \$0 copay for all new and recertifying ERDC cases is being extended through December 31, 2020. ODHS made a temporary rule change in March 2020 allowing families a \$0 copay during the state of emergency. See transmittals [SS-PT-20-004](#) and [SS-PT-20-011](#). This temporary change is being extended again due to additional funding received by the department.

All other changes to ODHS child care policy during the COVID-19 state of emergency remain in effect until further notice.

Note: Per guidance from SNAP Policy, a conversation needs to be had with the applicant regarding their actual child care costs when addressing their SNAP child care deduction.

Implementation/transition instructions:

The COV case descriptor on CMUP is used to track which families are approved for a \$0 copay. It is important to **continue** coding the 'COV' case descriptor for new certifications and re-certifications through December 31, 2020 or until further notice. The COV case descriptor is required for the system to issue billing forms on these ERDC cases.

Training/communication plan:

Guidance is being shared with partners, stakeholders, families and providers.

The ODHS [Child Care Assistance website](#) will be updated.

Providers may contact DPU with questions at 1-800-699-9074, or:

- For general questions, e-mail Customerservice.dpu@dhsosha.state.or.us

ODHS field staff should email policy-related questions to

ChildCare.Policy@dhsosha.state.or.us.

Local/branch action required:

Refer all billing questions from families and child care providers to DPU at 1-800-699-9074. Staff are to email their own program related questions to ChildCare.Policy@dhsosha.state.or.us.

Important: Cases are to continue to be coded with 'COV' case descriptors for new applications and re-certifications through December 31, 2020 or until further notice. For newly created cases in the ONE system, the \$0 copay will be authorized based on the DOR.

Central office action required:

A temporary rule was adopted effective September 1, 2020 with amendments being adopted as needed.

Field/stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

Filing instructions:

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

Contact(s): Child Care Policy	
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Email: ChildCare.Policy@dhsosha.state.or.us	