

Policy Transmittal Office of Self-Sufficiency Programs



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Issue date: 06/15/2020

Topic: Other

Due date:

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: Types A and B | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input checked="" 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"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Policy/rule title:	Administrative Rules for Various Self-Sufficiency and Aging & People with Disabilities Programs		
Policy/rule number(s):	Various (see below)	Release number:	
Effective date:	July 1, 2020 unless otherwise noted	Expiration date:	N/A
References:			
Web address:	http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/selfsufficiency/publications/ss-pt-20-013-rules.pdf		

Discussion/interpretation:

This transmittal provides a draft advance summary and link to SSP administrative rules (including many that apply to Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) programs) that will be effective July 1, 2020, unless otherwise noted or further edited. The public comment and legislative review period end on June 15, 2020, and comments received may cause further changes to these drafts. These final rule changes will be included in

the rules site by July 1, 2020, and will also be at

<https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/displayChapterRules.action?selectedChapter=90>

OAR 461-135-0220

RULE TITLE: REF, REFM, and TANF Programs; COVID-19

Adopted Temporarily Effective 4/03/2020

Amended Temporarily Effective 4/08/2020

RULE SUMMARY: OAR 461-135-0220 about the REF, REFM, and TANF programs during the COVID-19 pandemic is being amended to remove the suspension of section (3) in OAR 461-135-0070 regarding work separation and work hour reduction penalties. The rule is also being amended to allow the Department to authorize limited payments for housing and utilities expenses through designated partner agencies for refugees that qualify for the payments.

OAR 461-135-0440

RULE TITLE: Child Care Benefit Eligibility and Payment; COVID-19

Amended Temporarily Effective 4/17/2020

RULE SUMMARY: OAR 461-135-0440 about Child Care Benefit Eligibility and Payment during the COVID-19 pandemic is being amended to make clear the rule sections being suspended and amended by this rule and to allow ERDC applicants to apply for and sign the application by telephone. The rule is also being amended to broaden provisions retroactively regarding what type of childcare provider may bill for the increased number of absent days that are due to COVID-19 related temporary shutdown. This amendment removes the ability for an individual to be approved as a provider by the Department before completing "Introduction to Child Care Health and Safety" or "Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect," which are web-based trainings. The amendments to this rule bring the Department into compliance with clarifications regarding the Governor's mandate regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, restores important requirements in the childcare provider application process, and offers applicants the choice to stay home when applying for ERDC.

OAR 461-135-0660

RULE TITLE: SNAP; COVID-19

Adopted Temporarily Effective 4/17/2020

RULE SUMMARY: OAR 461-135-0660 about the SNAP program during the COVID-19 pandemic is being adopted to temporarily suspend SNAP time limits for individuals identified as an Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD). It is also being adopted to ensure good cause is granted when certain individuals are not able to meet specific employment criteria due to the pandemic. This adoption puts certain provisions of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act into Oregon Administrative Rule and makes the granting of good cause clear.

OAR 461-135-1240

RULE TITLE: TA-DVS Program; COVID-19

Adopted Temporarily Effective 4/10/2020

RULE SUMMARY: OAR 461-135-1240 about the TA-DVS program during the COVID-19 pandemic is being temporarily adopted to create the ability, in the TA-DVS program, to establish a filing date, apply for benefits, as well as sign the application; by telephone. The creation of this rule removes barriers for Oregonians in need of assistance from the TA-DVS program during the COVID-19 pandemic.

OAR 461-155-0180

RULE TITLE: Income Standards; Not OSIP, OSIPM, QMB

Amended Permanently

RULE SUMMARY: OAR 461-155-0180 is being amended to update federal poverty guidelines and state median income levels. The standards being changed affect benefit decisions in self-sufficiency programs.

OAR 461-160-0620

RULE TITLE: Income Deductions and Client Liability; Long-Term Care Services or Home and Community-Based Care; OSIPM

Amended Permanently

RULE SUMMARY: OAR 461-160-0620 about income deductions and client liability for long-term care services and waived services is being amended to update the minimum community spouse income allowance (Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance or MMMNA) and the community spouse monthly housing allowance which are published by the federal government each year. This amendment keeps Oregon in line with current federal standards for Department Medicaid programs and changes to the MMMNA and community spouse monthly housing allowance under the Spousal Impoverishment laws.

Implementation/transition instructions:

Training/communication plan:

Local/branch action required: Review changes with staff who determine eligibility.

Central office action required: N/A

Field/stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by: Most of these rules were reviewed by a Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) for Self-Sufficiency Programs (SSP) or Aging and People with Disabilities (APD)

Filing instructions: N/A

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