

Policy Transmittal Office of Self-Sufficiency Programs



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Issue date: 12/10/2020

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Topic: Child Care

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: {Type 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"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): Direct Pay Unit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Policy/rule title:	Temporary ERDC eligibility change, \$0 copays extended Update: Extended through 9/30/2021		
Policy/rule number(s):	OAR 461-135-0440 Temporary Policies for Child Care Benefit Eligibility and Payment (ERDC and TANF); COVID-19	Release number:	
Effective date:	06/01/2021	Expiration date:	09/30/2021 or until further notice
References:			
Web address:	https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/rules/index.cfm?fuseaction=manual.searchResults&Rule=461-135-0440		

UPDATE:

Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) has received additional funding to extend the \$0 copay policy for families certifying or recertifying through September 30, 2021.

Discussion/interpretation:

Oregon Department of Human Services (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](#), [SS-PT-20-011](#), [SS-PT-20-019](#), and [SS-PT-20-029](#). This temporary change has been extended several times due to additional funding received by the department and careful monitoring of program budget.

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

Note: Per SNAP Policy, talk with the applicant regarding their actual child care costs when addressing their SNAP child care deduction.

Implementation/transition instructions:

Staff should follow usual processes when authorizing ERDC for families in the ONE system. The ONE system will allow families a \$0 copay through their certification period when certifying or recertifying for ERDC through September 30, 2021.

Training/communication plan:

Guidance is being shared with partners, stakeholders, families and providers in June 2021. The ODHS [Child Care Assistance website](#) will be updated as needed.

Providers and parents/caretakers may contact DPU with questions at 800-699-9074, or:

- For general questions, email Customerservice.dpu@dhsosha.state.or.us
- For submission of billing forms and Child Care Provider Listing forms, email DPU.childcarebilling@dhsosha.state.or.us

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

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