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Topic: Medical Benefits

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):

- All DHS employees
 County Mental Health Directors
 Area Agencies on Aging
 Health Services
 Children, Adults and Families
 Seniors and People with Disabilities
 County DD Program Managers
 Other (please specify):

Policy/Rule Title:	OHP-OPU; Effective Dates for the Program		
Policy/Rule Number(s):	461-135-1102	Release No:	
Effective Date:	07/01/2004	Expiration:	
References:			
Web Address:	http://dhsmanuals.hr.state.or.us/A/461-135-1102.htm		

Discussion/Interpretation:

This transmittal is to highlight the OHP-OPU program administrative rule that is effective July 1st.

- OAR 461-135-1102 (OHP-OPU; Effective Dates for the Program) is adopted as a new rule to close the OHP-OPU program to new applicants. The rule can be found at the following web address:

<http://dhsmanuals.hr.state.or.us/A/461-135-1102.htm>

- New applicants with a date of request after June 30, 2004, cannot become eligible for the OHP-OPU program. This includes CAWEM applicants whose eligibility is based on OHP-OPU.

(Individuals have the right to apply for medical assistance and have eligibility determined. Branch offices should continue to accept all medical applications.)

- The OHP-OPU program is not closed to clients who recertify for OHP-OPU and are continue to meet the eligibility requirements for OHP-OPU. To successfully recertify, the application must be returned before the current certification period ends.
- The OHP-OPU program is not closed to clients whose eligibility is ending under child welfare Medicaid, BCCM, EXT, MAA, MAF, OHP-CHP, OHP-OPC, OSIPM, REFM or SAC (including CAWEM based on these programs) but who meet the eligibility requirements for OHP-OPU. Clients must be determined to be continuously eligible for medical assistance.
- If a person applies for medical assistance after a period of ineligibility, the person will be treated as a new applicant. New applicants will be evaluated for all medical programs except OHP-OPU.

Training/Communication Plan:

An OHP Review & July Changes NetLink is offered in July. Sign up for the training using the online registration system. <http://www.dhs.state.or.us/training/>

Local/Branch Action Required:

Review policy with appropriate branch staff.

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

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