

Policy Transmittal Developmental Disabilities Services



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Topic: Developmental Disabilities

Due date: 6/1/2020

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New policy
 Policy change
 Policy clarification
 Executive letter
 Administrative Rule
 Manual update
 Other: New Policy Worker's Guides related to Phase 1 COVID-19

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): All DD Provider Agencies; Individuals and Families |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Policy/rule title:	ODDS Phase 1 Reopening Policy Worker's Guides		
Policy/rule number(s):		Release number:	
Effective date:	6/1/2020	Expiration date:	These policies are in effect during the time a county is in Phase 1
References:	https://govstatus.egov.com/reopening-oregon		
Web address:	https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/DD/Pages/ODDS-COVID-19-information.aspx		

Discussion/interpretation:

ODDS responded rapidly to the COVID-19 pandemic and state of emergency. This was done primarily through a series of transmittals and supporting documents describing various temporary changes to normal policy and operations. As Oregon begins reopening, it is ODDS' desire to consolidate these COVID-19 related changes into six guides, each targeted to a specific audience. These guides will replace most of the transmittals released since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The guides are ODDS policy. The target groups are:

- Case Management Entities (CMEs):
[Case Management Phase 1 Worker's Guide](#)
- 24 Hour Residential and Foster Care Providers:
[Residential Phase 1 Worker's Guide](#)
- Employment and Day Support Activities Providers:
[Employment and DSA Phase 1 Worker's Guide](#)
- Supported Living Providers:
[Supported Living Phase 1 Worker's Guide](#)
- In-Home Agency Providers:
[In-Home Agency Phase 1 Worker's Guide](#)
- Licensors:
[Licensing Phase 1 Worker's Guide](#)

Transmittals aimed at other provider types (including Personal Support Workers [PSWs] and Behavior Consultants) will remain in place.

There are also several resources for Individuals and Families regarding re-opening including:

- [COVID-19 Reopening Powtoon](#)
- [ODDS Phase 1 Reopening Fact Sheet](#)
- [Developing a Plan for Returning to Work and Activities](#)

Oregon's overall re-opening strategy is happening through a series of three phases. Different counties may be in different phases at the same time, and the different phases may affect the policies contained in these guides. The guides will be updated to reflect policy changes based the phases. The applicable policy is based on the phase of location of the service or setting. To know the status of any particular county, look [here](#). All the information in the guides are [posted here](#) for counties that have not

yet begun to reopen or are in phase one.

The following COVID-19 related transmittals are now obsolete:

- Action Requests (all year 2020): 011, 018, 019, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 027, 028, 029, 033, 036, 040, 050, 057, 058, 060.
- Informational Memoranda (all year 2020): 024, 028, 031, 032, 040, 045, 048, 050.
- Policy Transmittals (all year 2020):): 015, 018, 021, 023, 024, 027, 028, 029, 030, 031, 035, 036, 037, 038, 039, 042, 043, 044, 046, 049, 050, 052, 053, 056, 057, 058, 059, 061, 062, 063, 066, 067, 068.

The following transmittals remain valid are not incorporated into a guide:

- [AR-20-030](#) Behavior Professionals with expiring "G" level OIS certificates
- [AR-20-031](#) COVID-19 Scenarios Tools
- [AR-20-037](#) ODDS COVID-19 Staffing Support
- [AR-20-039](#) PSW Request for lost payment Hardship Benefit (PTO)
- [AR-20-042](#) Temporary Changes to CDDP Adult Abuse Investigation Practice
- [AR-20-049](#) Information to report to ODDS re: individual and paid providers
- [AR-20-051](#) PSW Payment Processing Changes
- [AR-20-055](#) Training Opportunity Through Open Future Learning
- [AR-20-059](#) Notification of potential COVID-19 exposure
- [IM-20-026](#) Behavior Professionals and home visits during CV19
- [IM-20-041](#) PPE Masks and Gloves for Personal Support Workers
- [PT-20-025](#) Presumed Eligibility Guidance
- [PT-20-045](#) "Stay at Home, Save Lives," Executive Order 20-12
- [PT-20-048](#) Temporary policy changes to (PASRR) process
- [PT-20-055](#) Expanded Supports for Families
- [PT-20-064](#) COVID-19 CARES Act benefits and resources
- [PT-20-069](#) LTCR Extension for DD Providers in eXPRS
- [PT-20-071](#) Department funding of Assistive Technology

Training/communication plan:

CMEs: Question sent to ODDS.FieldLiaison@dhsosha.state.or.us will be addressed during regularly scheduled webinars for CMEs (Wednesdays, 11:00 am)

Providers: Questions sent to ODDS.Questions@dhsosha.state.or.us will be addressed during the regularly scheduled webinars for providers (3rd Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm):

Please register for the June Provider Expectations and Responsibilities Around COVID-19 - Webinar at 2 pm on June 18, 2020 at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2711857874977573134>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Field/stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

Contact(s): ODDS COVID-19 Team	
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Provider questions: ODDS.Questions@dhsoha.state.or.us	