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December 23, 2015 – January 1, 2016**

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Transmittal #	Issue date	Subject/Topic
<u>APD-PT-15-047</u>	12/23/15	Adult Foster Providers as Qualified Entity Designees - The Collective Bargaining Team for Adult Foster Home Providers has reached an agreement to streamline and standardize the Criminal Background Check Process for AFH providers. Effective January 01, 2016, Licensed AFH Providers, or their qualified designees who meet the requirements as Qualified Entity Designees (QED), will be able to submit Subject Individuals (SI) criminal record information directly to the Background Checks Unit (BCU). See transmittal for details.
<u>APD-AR-15-075</u>	12/23/15	<p>New Facilities, and CBC Change of Ownerships, and Names Changes for CBC and new Specific Needs contracts – For changes in provider numbers, staff will need to update all customer records with new provider numbers, close the 512 with the old number, and open a new 512 with the new number for consumers who are currently Medicaid eligible.</p> <p>For change of ownership for nursing facility, the current MMIS plan of care (POC) needs to close, and a new POC opened with the new number.</p> <p><u>New memory care facilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Windsong at Eola Hills - Salem ▪ Juniper House – Pendleton ▪ Ocean Park- Brookings <p><u>Change of ownership:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Care Center Milwaukie Inc. dba- Prestige Post-Acute and Rehab Center - Milwaukie <p><u>New specific needs adult foster homes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Elena Stinea, Compassionate Adult Care Home, LLC, Milwaukie, 97267

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Janet Anderson, Anderson Foster Home, Medford, 97504 ▪ Deborah Roe, The Hari Homestead, Redmond, 97756 ▪ Erika's Covaciu, Erika's Care Home, Portland, 97206 ▪ Bihanu Tibeso, Portland, 97206
<u>APD-AR-15-076</u>	12/23/15	Independent Choices Benefit Calculation form updated due to wage increase and tax rate changes for 2016 - Effective January 1, 2016 the ADL and IADL rate is increased to \$14 and Live-in services rate is changed to \$9.25. Also, the tax rate changes for 2016 have been updated on the 546IC, <i>Independent Choices Benefit Calculation</i> form. The form has been updated with the hourly wage increase, reflecting the live-in changes due to the HCW/PSW bargaining contract and the updated tax rates for 2016. See transmittal for details.
<u>APD-IM-15-112</u>	12/23/15	Increased Homecare Worker Hourly Rate Paid by AAAs - Effective January 1, 2016, Homecare Collective Bargaining Agreement, Article 14.1, Section 1 increases homecare worker hourly rates incurred for each unit of service received by an Oregon Project Independence consumer will be \$17.87; for units of service provided by a HCW possessing an Enhanced HCW Certificate, the rate will be \$18.95. See transmittal for details.
<u>APD-AR-15-077</u>	12/24/15	Personal Support Worker Travel Time Entry - Beginning January 1, 2016 Personal Support Workers (PSWs) are eligible to receive reimbursement for travel between two or more worksites in a 24 hour period as referenced in PT-15-042. See transmittal for details.
<u>APD-IM-15-113</u>	12/24/15	Adult Foster Care 2016 Cost of Living Adjustment - As part of the collective bargaining agreement, Adult Foster Care Providers will receive a 2.5% cost of living adjustment (COLA) effective February 1, 2016 and a 1.5% COLA effective February 1, 2017. See transmittal for details.
<u>APD-IM-15-114</u>	12/28/15	In Home Expenditure Guidelines Version 4 - The In home Expenditure Guidelines v.4 has been posted <u>here</u> and can be accessed from the staff tools pages. This replaces the In Home Expenditure Guidelines v.3 and applies to services authorized for delivery beginning January 1, 2016. See transmittal for details.

<u>APD-IM-15-115</u>	12/28/15	UPDATED Independent Choices Benefit Calculation form (546ic) - <u>APD-AR-15-076</u> was sent regarding the updated Independent Choices Calculation form (<u>546ic</u>) on December 23, 2015; at that time the form was not available on the DHS forms server but is currently. Until re-assessment use the current allowed live-in hours when calculating the authorized amount for live-in service hours on the 546ic form.
<u>SS-IM-15-034</u>	12/28/15	SNAP/TANF: ABAWD TRACS activity steps – <i>See transmittal for details.</i>
<u>SS-PT-15-027</u>	12/28/15	Activation of the ERDC Reservation List - Effective January 4, 2016 the Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) program will activate the ERDC reservation list. See transmittal for details.
<u>SS-IM-15-034</u>	12/28/15	SNAP/TANF: ABAWD TRACS activity steps – <i>See transmittal for details.</i>
<u>APD-IM-15-116</u>	12/29/15	Oregon's 2016 Medicare Advantage - The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently announced the 2016 Medicare Advantage-Prescription Drug Plans (MA-PD's). The attached document is the "2016 MA-PDs" plan list. The MA-PDs are alphabetically arranged by county. See transmittal for details.
<u>SS-AR-15-020</u>	12/29/15	Primary Wage Earner (PWE) Coding on CMS - A mass auto removal of the PWE case descriptor was performed on the evening of December 28, 2015. The majority of open UCMS cases had PWE case descriptor coding removed. Open P2 cases as well as any closed cases were not included in this mass auto removal. See transmittal for details.
<u>SS-AR-15-021</u>	12/29/15	DHS 853 and DHS 854 Revised - The <u>DHS 853</u> , <i>Simplified Change Report for SNAP</i> , and <u>DHS 854</u> , <i>Simplified Change Report for ABAWD SNAP</i> , forms have been revised and are now SNAP only forms. The simplified reporting requirements and the simplified change report have been combined into one form to create the latest version of the DHS 853; this means workers will only need to give customers the DHS 853. See transmittal for details.

<u>APD-AR-15-078</u>	12/30/15	SNAP for Children's Foster Care - The Office of Developmental Disability Services (ODDS) budget tool, SNAP, for Children's Foster Care services has been revised to implement a legislatively approved 4% rate increase. This transmittal is providing the newest version of the SNAP tool for children only. See transmittal for details.
<u>SS-IM-15-035</u>	12/30/15	ABAWD Time Limit Now in Effect - Starting January 1, 2016 in Multnomah and Washington counties, some of our SNAP participants will be subject to a time limit unless they meet additional requirements to maintain eligibility; <i>all staff determining SNAP eligibility in Oregon have a responsibility in the ABAWD policies.</i> See transmittal for details, Q&A, and requirements for all staff who determine SNAP.
<u>SS-IM-15-036</u>	12/30/15	SNAP: New Definition of Chronic Homeless as a Work Exemption - FNS has indicated a person who is "chronically homeless" is unfit for employment. The state is allowed to create their definition of "Chronically Homeless" to exempt some individuals from the work requirements. Chronically homeless is a subset of the homeless. Not all homeless individuals will be chronically homeless. See transmittal for details.