



**All program transmittal:
December 11 – December 16, 2017**

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Transmittal #	Issue date	Subject/Topic
<u>HSD-IM-17-010</u>	12/11/17	Non-emergent medical transportation change in Marion and Polk counties effective January 1, 2018 - Starting January 1, 2018, Marion-Polk MedLink will be the new non-emergent transportation (NEMT) brokerage, or ride service, for fee-for-service (FFS, or “open card”) Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members in Marion and Polk counties. See transmittal for details.
<u>APD-AR-17-075</u>	12/12/17	Voter registration age is lowered to 16 – Effective January 1, 2018 the age to register to vote in Oregon is lowered to 16. See transmittal for details.
<u>APD-PT-17-052</u>	12/13/17	Community Based & PACE Rates - The PACE room and board rates and the NF personal allowance amount will change January 1, 2018. See transmittal for details.
<u>APD-AR-17-076</u>	12/13/17	OPI 60+ Traditional Consumer Risk Tool Information - Local AAAs will need to compile this information from the OPI Traditional 60+ consumers who received OPI in 2017, both open and closed cases. See transmittal for details.
<u>APD-AR-17-077</u>	12/13/17	Annual Area Plan Update - Older Americans Act Section 306 requires each designated area agency on aging to develop an Area Plan with such annual adjustments as may be necessary. See transmittal for details
<u>APD-AR-17-078</u>	12/14/17	End of Recipient Under Additional review Before Transit (RAR) exemption – Members eligible for an exemption from enrollment in a CCO must have a specific exemption code. As part of this effort, the Recipient Under Additional review Before Transit (RAR) will be discontinued. See transmittal for details.

<u>APD-IM-17-090</u>	12/14/17	Service plan update for In-Home Services - Oregon ACCESS will undergo an update to the Benefit Eligibility and Service Planning screen that will be available for staff use on December 18, 2017. See transmittal for details.
<u>APD-IM-17-091</u>	12/14/17	Oregon ACCESS Release 24.15: Friday, December 15, 2017 - See transmittal for details of the upcoming Oregon ACCESS Release 24.15.
<u>APD-PT-17-053</u>	12/15/17	PSW Collective Bargaining Agreement Updates - Collective Bargaining with SEIU for Personal Support Workers (PSWs) was completed September 22, 2017. See transmittal for details of the agreement.
<u>APD-PT-17-054</u>	12/15/17	PSW Weekly Hours Limitations - The PSW Weekly Hour Limitations <u>worker guide</u> is updated to clarify when ODDS will review request for exceptions.
<u>APD-PT-17-055</u>	12/15/17	Case Management Contacts Worker Guide – The ODDS Case Management Contact Requirements Technical Guide is updated; see transmittal for details.
<u>APD-PT-17-056</u>	12/15/17	eXPRS Modifiers for Professional Behavior Services - Beginning March 1, 2018, ODDS will require modifiers to be used when authorizing OR570, to identify if the individual resides in a standard or underserved county. See transmittal for details.
<u>APD-AR-17-079</u>	12/15/17	PSWs violating weekly limits - ODDS is taking steps to reduce the amount of unauthorized overtime being worked by PSWs. See transmittal for details.
<u>APD-AR-17-080</u>	12/15/17	ODDS DD 56 Rent Subsidy and DD 156 General Fund Room & Board - The full SSI standard (known as the Federal Benefit Rate or FBR) for one person will increase from \$735 to \$750 per month. See transmittal for details.
<u>APD-IM-17-092</u>	12/15/17	Professional Behavior Services Rule Technical Assistance Webinar Schedule - See transmittal for details.
<u>APD-IM-17-093</u>	12/15/17	DD referrals from Branch 5503 - CDDP offices will receive service requests from 5503 when the application indicates

		the child needs in-home services otherwise known as long term care services. See transmittal for details.
<u>SS-PT-17-020</u>	12/15/17	Rate increases for licensed family providers (RFM & CFM) - Child care rate increases for some child care providers. See transmittal for details.
<u>SS-PT-17-021</u>	12/15/17	Specific Requirements; TA-DVS and Program Benefits; TA-DVS - The TA-DVS program has updated and made changes to TA-DVS program OARs to make the OARs more user friendly. See transmittal for details.
<u>SS-PT-17-022</u>	12/15/17	Requirement to Pursue Assets - Changes to the requirement to pursue assets have been amended. The individual applying is not required to make a good-faith effort to obtain an asset if it will put the individual at further risk of domestic violence as defined in OAR <u>461-001-0000</u> . See transmittal for details.
<u>SS-PT-17-023</u>	12/15/17	<p>Office of Self Sufficiency Programs Family Services Manual Advance Copy Including APD – See transmittal for details and list of all changes.</p> <p>OAR 461-115-0090 was amended to include authorized representatives in the TA-DVS Program, effective January 1, 2018. Authorized representatives are allowed in TA-DVS, but they cannot complete the interview and only serve for the 90-day eligibility period. (DV-b.7)</p> <p>Section was revised to add clarifying language regarding when to use a pending notice for an ABAWD who is regaining eligibility. (SNAP-b.10.e)</p> <p>Clarification added counting months received out of state are to be verified with the other state in the same manner as verification of out of state benefits. (SNAP-b.11.a.11)</p> <p>Added clarification that when an ABAWD becomes ineligible due to exceeding the SNAP time limit, this does not impact the categorical eligibility for the rest of the household. (SNAP-f.2)</p>

		The retention requirements when OAH issues a final order are modified to include DHS 1114 if issued. (GP-e.6)
SS-PT-17-024	12/15/17	<p>Advance Copy of OSSP and APD Administrative Rules that will be effective January 1, 2018, unless otherwise noted - See transmittal for details and list of all changes.</p> <p>OAR 461-110-0530 financial group: adjusted income in the OSIPM program for individuals who have potential protected status is evaluated under those specific rules first before determining if the individual is income eligible, clarifying the rules.</p> <p>OAR 461-115-0230 interviews: for OSIPM, recipients of SSI or those in 1619(b) status, and QMB program clients whose eligibility can be determined by electronic means, are not required to complete a face-to-face interview in the branch office, by telephone or during a home visit, aligning with federal requirements.</p> <p>OAR 461-135-0010 assumed eligibility for medical programs: specifies provisions limiting loss of eligibility during pregnancy apply to OSIPM and OCCS Medical programs and specify SSI recipients and individuals in 1619 (a) or (b) status automatically meet citizenship and noncitizen requirements for OSIPM.</p> <p>OAR 461-135-0010 assumed eligibility for medical programs: provisions limiting the loss of eligibility during pregnancy apply to OSIPM and OCCS Medical programs and specify SSI recipients and individuals in 1619 (a) or (b) status automatically meet citizenship and non-citizen requirements for OSIPM, following federal policy.</p> <p>OAR 461-140-0220 determining if a transfer of an asset is disqualifying: allows ongoing service clients to transfer assets in the amount of the current exclusion allowed under the amended OAR 461-160-0855 rather than the original qualified partnership policy amount excluded at the initial month of eligibility.</p>

		<p>OAR 461-140-0220 about determining if a transfer of an asset is disqualifying is being amended to allow ongoing service clients to transfer assets in the amount of the current exclusion allowed under the amended OAR 461-160-0855 rather than the original qualified partnership policy amount that was excluded at the initial month of eligibility (if they are different), setting a more appropriate exclusion in subsequent months.</p> <p>OAR 461-145-0580 treatment of veterans' benefits: when the benefits mentioned are aid-and-attendance and housebound payments, clarify that remaining benefits are considered unearned income when not excluded, and establish for the OSIPM and QMB programs, Veterans Administration vocational rehabilitation payments and Medal of Honor payments are excluded income.</p> <p>OAR 461-165-0120 benefits for a client in an acute care hospital: APD medical benefits should continue without interruption when an individual enters an acute care hospital as long as they meet program requirements.</p> <p>OAR 461-175-0210 notice situations: no notice is required to end housing assistance payments when an individual has moved out of Oregon, but that a timely notice must be sent to end the personal incidental fund and utility assistance payments</p>
<u>SS-AR-17-007</u>	12/15/17	Authorized Representative for the TA-DVS Program – See transmittal for details about authorized representatives and the TA-DVS program.
<u>SS-AR-17-008</u>	12/15/17	TA-DVS Payment Request Verification and Issuing Payments - See transmittal for details about verification requirements and payments.
<u>SS-AR-17-009</u>	12/15/17	Verification of Domestic Violence in the TA-DVS Program - See transmittal for details on when verification is needed to prove the individual is not a perpetrator of domestic violence.

<u>SS-IM-17-026</u>	12/15/17	DHS 7802 TA-DVS Safety Screening Supplemental Guide - See transmittal for details.
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