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Dear OSH Friends and Family,

A safe patient environment is our priority at Oregon State Hospital and after consultation with the Safety and Clinical Administrative Teams, OSH leadership has identified that media discs – like DVDs, CDs, and video games – pose a high risk in unsupervised patient environments.

Due to that assessment, we are changing our practices surrounding these items. Patients have been notified of these changes.

Beginning Aug. 28, 2023:

- OSH will no longer allow patient-owned disc players and devices will be sent to friends and family or stored in long-term storage. OSH will pay for shipping cost.
- OSH will no longer allow media discs (DVDs, CDs, and video games) in patient rooms or other unsupervised/unlocked areas such as quiet rooms or sensory rooms.
- The OSH Market will no longer sell DVD players.
- OSH is working toward having no portable DVD players in the future and plans to add more unit entertainment systems to accommodate this change.

OSH will continue to allow personal media discs that can be used with unit DVD players and video game systems in activity rooms on the unit. These discs will continue to be stored in personal property boxes and not in patient rooms.

In the short-term, all units in Springs, Crossroads, Archways, Pathways and Junction City will be issued OSH-owned portable DVD players that can be checked out with a single disc at a time and be used in activity rooms on the unit. The Harbors team made the decision not to have DVD players available on their units.

Please reach out to Ombuds and Family Services, OSH.OmbudsandFamilyServices@odhsoha.oregon.gov, if you have questions about these changes.

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