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To: All ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

For the past few years ODDS has been working with stakeholders to reorient the I/DD system to refocus on person-centered planning. As part of this effort, and in response to steps required under the Legislatively Adopted Budget for 2017–2019, ODDS has posted proposed changes to the K-Plan, as well as Comprehensive and Support Services waivers.

ODDS is reorganizing its existing Comprehensive and Support Services Waiver into Child and Adult Waivers. This new structure will simplify and streamline the federal authorities under which I/DD services are provided in Oregon and will allow ODDS to tailor services to children and adults in the future. This will convert the Comprehensive Waiver to serve children up to age 18 in all settings, and convert the Support Services Waiver to serve adults 18 and older in all settings.

In addition, per legislative direction, ODDS needed to identify \$12 million for a generic reduction. To address a portion of the reduction, ODDS was planning to cap the new Child Waiver at the number of children served to help manage the increase in children coming in to the in-home services program. However, since ODDS has identified other potential options to address the \$12 million-dollar budget reduction, we do not plan to implement this change at this time.

We expect to meet the full reduction through administrative and management actions, including reducing contracts, taking steps to maximize federal funding, and favorable adjustments to cost per case.

Some of the other changes to the Waivers and K-Plan include:

- Flexibility needed for implementation of the new Oregon Needs Assessment
- Addition of benefits counseling to the Employment Path service

- Updating language to reflect current practices in services planning and other program areas

The full waiver language is available at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/DD/Pages/compass-project.aspx>

Public comment is now open for proposed amendments to these waivers. Comments should be received by March 21, 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lilia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a trailing flourish.

Lilia Teninty
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