

OPI TRANSMITTAL REVIEW DECEMBER 23, 2015 TO MARCH 3, 2016

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<a href="#">APD-IM-15-112</a>	12/23/15	<p><b>Increased Homecare Worker Hourly Rate Paid by AAAs -</b> 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.</p>
<a href="#">APD-IM-16-003</a>	1/4/16	<p><b>HCW Travel Time Claims -</b> To implement policy changes as a result of Department of Labor reclassification of Homecare Workers (HCWs), beginning January 1, 2016 HCWs are eligible to receive reimbursement for travel when they travel directly between the homes or care settings of two or more consumer employers in a 24 hour period as referenced in <a href="#">APD-PT-15-042</a>. HCWs must enter travel time they claim on the Travel Time Track Sheet (attached). APD/AAA office staff will not review or process any Travel Time Track Sheets received from HCWs. Travel between the homes or care settings of individuals receiving services under different programs will also be handled via the Travel Time Track Sheet. HCWs who work between programs must send the Travel Time Track Sheet to either the APD office in which they are authorized as a HCW or directly to Central Office. Information on where to send paper timesheets will be included in letters sent HCWs in January. See transmittal for details.</p>
<a href="#">APD-IM-16-013</a>	1/28/16	<p><b>Homecare worker Power Hour presentations –</b> Each Wednesday in February and March of 2016, APD Medicaid Long Term Care Policy staff will host a Power Hour call from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM Pacific time. See transmittal for details.</p>
<a href="#">APD-IM-16-014</a>	1/28/16	<p><b>Homecare Worker (HCW) Credential Expiration Warning Letters -</b> The Provider Relations Section is now issuing Homecare Worker (HCW) credential expiration warning letters in response to the 2015-2017 Collective Bargaining Agreement. The letters will issue to all HCWs with provider numbers set to expire within 120 days. These letters will be issued once per month with the first batch issuing on Monday, January 25, 2016. See transmittal for details.</p>

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<b>APD-IM-16-019</b>	2/16/16	<b>OPI Service Coordinator/Case Manager ‘Power Hour’ Conference Calls and Webinars for 2016</b> - Based on information from a recent OPI Staff survey, conference calls will occur 6 times a year on the third Wednesday of the month. The Oregon Project Independence (OPI) Power Hour, will be an informational conference call and webinar hosted by the State Unit on Aging (SUA) staff. See transmittal for details.
<b>APD-AR-16-014</b>	2/17/16	<b>2016 Oregon Project Independence (OPI) Fee Schedule and Consumer Hourly Rate</b> - The OPI <a href="#">fee schedule</a> has been updated to reflect the 2016 Federal Poverty Level (FPL). See transmittal for details.
<b>APD-IM-16-021</b>	2/22/16	<b>Issuing Vouchers Prior to the Next Pay Period</b> – Field offices have up to eleven business days to process correctly completed vouchers for homecare workers after the end of each pay period. In some instances field offices will not issue a voucher for the next pay period until the previous one has been processed resulting in some homecare workers not being able to turn in their voucher within three business days after the end of the pay period. Immediately begin issuing out vouchers prior to the start of the next pay period whenever possible. This may include sending out the next two pay vouchers when processing the current one for payment or sending out the next voucher for all homecare workers even if the prior voucher has not yet been processed. See transmittal for details.
<b>APD-IM-16-025</b>	3/1/16	<b>Homecare Worker (HCW) Credential Expiration Warning Letters</b> - The Provider Relations Section is continuing to issue monthly Homecare Worker (HCW) credential expiration warning letters in response to the 2015-2017 Collective Bargaining Agreement. The letters will issue once per month on or around the 25th of each month to all HCWs with provider numbers set to expire within 120 days. See transmittal for details.
<b>APD-IM-16-027</b>	3/3/16	<b>June 2016 RDSS Training</b> - The Aging and People with Disabilities financial policy unit will be offering two RDSS training webinars for new and experienced staff in June 2016; one for AAA and one for ADRC. See transmittal for details.