

# News Release

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## **Public input sought on updating rules on limitations to payments for Vocational Rehabilitation services**

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(Salem, Ore.) – The Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program is seeking public comment on changes to its administrative rules. The public may testify at public hearings or submit written comments from Wednesday, June 1, 2022, through Thursday, July 21, 2022.

VR seeks input on the proposed changes to Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) [582-070-0030 Limitations of Payments](#). All input will be reviewed, and the proposed rules may be modified as a result of public input during this period.

- Clarify the rule contents generally
- Updated references to Vocational Rehabilitation as the Program
- Removal of gender designation (he/she, his/hers with they, them, theirs)
- Change to a contribution schedule for financial needs tests that will be adjusted annually
- Removal of OAR 582-070-0030 (7) Services Not Provided: (k) Gender reassignment surgery

The proposed rules will be posted on the [VR Policies web page](#).

Updates to OAR 582 align with requirements of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), enacted July 22, 2014 ([Public Law No. 113-128](#)) and with State and federal requirements.

## How to comment or provide testimony:

- Email: Send comments to [VR.Policy@dhsoha.state.or.us](mailto:VR.Policy@dhsoha.state.or.us)
- Mail: Send written testimony to:  
Oregon Department of Human Services, Vocational Rehabilitation  
Robin Brandt, Policy Analyst  
500 Summer Street NE, E-87 Salem, Oregon 97310-1018
- Attend virtually: Participate using Zoom on your computer or by phone.
- Phone: During the hearing, dial in as indicated for each meeting.

## Public Hearings for OAR 582-070-0030 Limitations of Payments

Public hearings will be held virtually on June 22 from 9-10 a.m. and June 28 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Staff will be available for comments for at least 30 minutes after the hearing starts. The hearings end when comments conclude and will be recorded. ASL interpretation and live captioning will be provided at every public hearing.

You can request accommodation in other languages, large print, braille, or any other format you prefer to submit public comment or attend a public hearing. Contact Robin Brandt at 503-507-5226 or by email at [VR.Policy@dhsoha.state.or.us](mailto:VR.Policy@dhsoha.state.or.us). We accept calls from all forms of relay service for people who are Deaf, deaf-blind, hard of hearing or have a speech disability. Please let us know of any accommodations at least a week in advance. We will do our best to accommodate all requests.

## Time: June 22, 2022, 09 a.m. Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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**Time: June 28, 2022, 03:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)**

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