Adult Foster Home Provider Alert

Policy updates, rule clarifications and announcements

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Topic: **Portland State University's Institute on Aging Survey Results**

To: APD (Older Adults and Adults with Physical Disabilities)

Key findings of the Oregon Community-Based Care Survey that was sent to all adult foster homes are summarized in the letter on the attached page. Thank you for your participation!

Links to access the full report and contact information for the study director are provided within the letter.

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The Oregon Community-Based Care Survey of adult foster homes was completed recently and the final report is available. The study team, including DHS and Portland State University's Institute on Aging, appreciate that 51% of providers who received a questionnaire took time to describe their important work.

Key findings:

- There were 1,692 adult foster homes with a licensed capacity of 7,745 in Oregon.
- Forty-two percent employed at least one caregiver.
- Twenty-two percent of AFH operators were certified nursing assistants (CNAs).
- The majority (84 percent) accepted Medicaid.
- Forty-six percent used a standardized falls risk assessment.
- Seventy-six percent of providers encouraged staff and other home occupants to get an annual flu vaccination.
- The average monthly charge was $3,202.

This project is an on-going effort. The next questionnaire will again ask about resident acuity and health service use, AFH policies, and staffing. By asking some questions over several years, the study team will be able to address important policy questions. For example, how have resident acuity levels changed over time? What health-related services are provided in different types of communities, and how has this changed over time?

The study team will distribute the next questionnaire in early 2017. The results will be strengthened by an improved response rate from all providers. If you have questions or comments, please contact the study director, Paula Carder, PhD, carderp@pdx.edu

The report, and report summaries, are available at the following websites:
www.pdx.edu/ioa/community-based-care-project
http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/Pages/publications.aspx