



# Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

Department of Human Services

*Aging and People with Disabilities*

500 Summer St. NE, E-02

Salem, OR 97301

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**To:** All Licensed Nursing Facilities  
All Licensed Assisted Living Facilities  
All Licensed Residential Care Facilities  
All Licensed Adult Foster Homes



**Re:** Medicaid Payment During Evacuations

Dear Providers:

First, a thank you for your tremendous efforts during the wildfire emergency. Most of you were well-prepared and executed your emergency plans well. It was impressive and we are grateful for your efforts.

We have received numerous inquiries about Medicaid payment during evacuations. We have elected to keep payment authorizations open, even when the facility had evacuated. We will continue payment to the originating facility during the period of the evacuation.

We will not be making payments to the receiving facility occurring as a result of evacuations. The Department considers this to be a contractual matter between the originating facility and the receiving facility.

The Department will end authorizations for any resident not returning to the facility after the evacuation period has ended.

Sincerely,

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Michael McCormick, Interim Director  
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Department of Human Services

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