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**TO: Residential Care and
Assisted Living Facilities**



**FROM: Mike McCormick, Interim
APD Director**

RE: Enhanced Wage Add-On Program for Medicaid Providers

Summary: Information about the Enhanced Wage Add-on Program described in [Oregon Administrative Rule 411-027-0160](#).

Dear Interested Home and Community-Based Providers,

The Oregon Legislature approved the Enhanced Wage Add-on Program to support Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) providers with retention of caregivers. HCBS providers refer to Assisted Living Facilities, Residential Care Facilities, Memory Care (Endorsed Units Only) and In-Home Agencies.

The Department of Human Services will provide an enhanced wage add-on if HCBS providers pay a starting wage of \$15.00 per hour for all caregivers, with an increase to \$15.50 per hour by the second year of the 2021-2023 biennium. This compensation will be an add-on of 10% of the daily Medicaid rate during the effective dates of the Program. An HCBS provider may be eligible between October 1, 2021 and June 30, 2023 if the following criteria is met:

- Provide a starting wage of \$15 per hour or more for all caregivers, escalating up to \$15.50 per hour or more by the second year of the 2021-2023 biennium

HCBS providers may apply for the Enhanced Wage Add-on on the form provided by the Department of Human Services (attached). The form will soon be available on the [Provider Forms](#) site. Completed forms and documentation of criteria must be emailed to: cost.reports-05@state.or.us in order to establish eligibility.

If you have questions, please direct them to Cindy Susee via email at Cynthia.Susee@dhsoha.state.or.us or via phone at 971-345-1168.