

Hello APD Stakeholders and Other Interested Parties:

The Department of Human Services, Aging People with Disabilities (APD) has found it necessary to put in place temporary rule changes to the In-Home Rules 411-030. Recent Administrative Hearing Reviews have resulted in findings that the current In-home rules regarding exceptions to the Homecare worker cap do not meet APD policy intent. The in-home rules related to exceptions have been updated to provide clarity as to when an exception to the Homecare worker cap is appropriate. The in-home exception rules have also been updated to provide additional clarity and to make general housekeeping changes for readability and understanding.

The Department anticipates there will be two in-person Rule Advisory Committee (RAC) meetings scheduled between Mid-March and Mid-April. The preliminary target for this rule change to become permanent is August 1, 2020. To meet this target the RACs must be completed and a final draft sent to APD Rules Coordinator by April 15, 2020.

If you would like to serve on the Rule Advisory Committee, please reply to Bob Weir at bob.weir@dhsoha.state.or.us and express your interest by **March 9, 2020**. I will be finalizing the RAC participant list on March 12, 2020 and sending details of the meeting schedule.