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To: ODDS Partners and Providers

From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

Subject: Incentive payments for workers in group homes

ODDS recently received approval to use Coronavirus Relief Funding (CRF) for \$500 payments to any worker, part-time or full-time, in adult or child group homes serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).

These one-time incentive payments recognize that direct support professionals have been on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic, working to keep Oregonians with I/DD safe. Workers must be employed continuously with the same agency from Oct. 8, 2021 through Nov. 15, 2021 to be eligible.

ODDS will issue a transmittal with more information on the process and the requirements for the agencies to receive the funds soon. This message is notice that the funding is available so agencies can share this information with their staff.

This funding is focused on retaining staff. Recent American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) 10 percent federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) grants distributed to group home providers can be used for recruitment of workers.

This is just one of many incentives and strategies ODDS is exploring to maintain and recruit critical workforce during this challenging time.

Sincerely,



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