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To: ODDS Case Management Entities and Stakeholders
From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services
Subject: Trainings for Personal Support Workers

[Senate Bill 1534](#) was passed by the Oregon Legislative Assembly in 2018. The bill directs the Oregon Department of Human Services to implement mandatory training and testing requirements for all homecare and personal support workers.

These new requirements are for all personal support workers (PSWs) who are approved to provide services and supports to individuals receiving in-home services funded through Medicaid.

These requirements set standards for all homecare and personal support workers to make sure they have the skills, knowledge, and abilities to provide quality services and supports. A voluntary training pilot is happening now and is offered through Carewell SEIU 503 Training.

Case Management Entities (CMEs) may receive questions about these trainings from individuals in services and family members about PSWs who provide services and supports.

The Oregon Home Care Commission is happy to provide support for how to answer questions you receive, including:

- Talking points, in a variety of languages, to guide discussions about the requirements
- Contacts for who to reach to get more information, and
- Resources you can share directly with your community.

You can find the Community Partner Communication Toolkit on the Oregon Home Care Commission's [website](#). The website also has Frequently Asked Questions documents, a flyer, the timeline and a presentation, all in multiple languages.

Please also consider subscribing to the website to receive updates on this topic, and encourage the individuals you support, family members and PSWs to subscribe: <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/HCC/Pages/Senate-Bill-1534-Updates.aspx>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lilia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning.

Lilia Teninty
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