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Sept. 1, 2021

To: ODDS Case Management Entities and Personal Support Workers
From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services
Subject: Senate Bill 1534 requirements and new podcast series

Senate Bill 1534 requires training for all homecare and personal support workers and personal care attendants starting Sept. 1, 2021. As part of these requirements, new workers must pass an assessment.

The new requirements set standards for all homecare and personal support workers and personal care attendants to make sure they have the skills, knowledge, and abilities to provide quality services and supports to individuals receiving services through Medicaid.

Training helps workers provide quality services, remain in their careers longer, leads to job satisfaction, and improves safety.

Starting Sept. 1, 2021, new workers will be required to take the new worker series trainings. This includes orientation before they can join the workforce and core training within 120 days of joining the workforce. Existing workers need to complete a refresher training series by March 31, 2022.

Training is free and are a combination of online modules and virtual and in-person workshops. [Carewell SEIU 503 Training](#) provides the trainings.

OHCC has valuable resources to help workers learn more about this requirement.

- A new podcast series called [OHCC Connections includes five short episodes covering what workers need to know and answers to common questions](#). Transcripts are available in English, Arabic, Russian, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

To listen to the podcasts and subscribe, please follow this link:
https://blubrry.com/ohcc_podcast/

- On the [OHCC website](#), there are also Frequently Asked Questions documents, flyers, a Powerpoint presentation and a timeline of when trainings are required. New Frequently Asked Question documents for [PSWs](#) and for [people in services](#) are available.

Personal support workers help people with disabilities live safely and independently in their homes and communities. This training ensures the wellbeing, quality of life and safety of people who receive services and supports. It also makes sure that workers have the tools and resources to do their jobs effectively.

Thank you for your support and services to Oregonians with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Sincerely,

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

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