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To: Parents of minors with I/DD and advocacy groups  
From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)  
Subject: Parents as Paid Caregivers webinar

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) gave Oregon “emergency authorization” to allow parents/guardians of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) to become paid Personal Support Workers and Direct Support Professionals for their child.

When the pandemic and current federal public health emergency declaration ends, we expect CMS to end this temporary exception.

Since the approval went into effect in January 2021, ODDS has heard your concerns and questions about why this emergency exception will expire in Oregon. We would like to invite you a webinar where we will explain the federal regulations and answer your questions. Here are the details:

- **Webinar:** “Parents as Paid Caregivers”
- **Date:** Dec. 10, 2021
- **Time:** 1:30–2:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Online
- **Meeting link:** <https://bit.ly/31fEz7e>

Please use the link above to join the webinar on Dec. 10.

For questions about accessibility or to request an accommodation, please contact Oregon Office of Developmental Disabilities at 503-945-5811 or

[DD.DirectorsOffice@dhsoha.state.or.us](mailto:DD.DirectorsOffice@dhsoha.state.or.us). Requests should be made at least three business days prior to the event. American Sign Language interpretation, Spanish interpretation and Communication Access Real Time captioning will be provided.

Thank you for all you have been doing to care for your children during these challenging times. We look forward to meeting with you.

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  
Director  
Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

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