

To: All ODDS Staff and Stakeholders
From: ODDS Director Lilia Teninty
Re: Weekly ODDS Status Report, Home and Community Based Services Regulations

Attached is this week's ODDS status report.

I'm sure by now most of you have heard about the new Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Rule. In the coming months you will hear more about these regulations as we continue our efforts to ensure all HCBS settings meet the federal expectations.

In March 2014, CMS issued new regulations that define the nature and characteristics of HCB Settings. The purpose of these regulations is to ensure that individuals receive Medicaid-funded home and community-based services in settings that are integrated in and support full access to the greater community. This includes opportunities to seek employment and work in competitive and integrated settings, engage in community life, control personal resources, and receive services in the community to the same degree as individuals who do not receive HCB Services.

The regulations apply to both residential and day/employment services. States were required to submit a transitions plan to CMS for approval. The transition plan outlines how each state will come into compliance with the new regulations. A stakeholder group has been working with OHA, ODDS, APD and AMH on our statewide transition plan for some time. Oregon's transition plan was submitted to CMS in October, 2014. After receiving feedback, Oregon submitted a revised transitions plan last month and we are currently awaiting feedback from CMS. Both the original and revised plans can be viewed at www.oregon.gov/dhs/seniors-disabilities/HCBS/Pages/Index.aspx.

In addition to the HCBS stakeholder group, ODDS is working to get more information about these regulations out to stakeholders. Helpful materials have been developed and posted on Oregon HCBS website, including fact sheets on the following topics:

- [Access to Food](#)
- [Adjacent To](#)
- [Choice of Settings](#)
- [Decorating and Furnishing](#)
- [Limitations to Rules](#)
- [Locks on Doors](#)
- [Non-Residential Services](#)
- [Provider-Owned, Controlled or Operated](#)
- [Shared Rooms – Roommates](#)
- [Visitors](#)

These fact sheets, and other Oregon specific HCBS resources, can be viewed at:
<http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/seniors-disabilities/HCBS/Pages/Resources-Oregon.aspx>

In addition, both ODDS and other agencies (OHA, APD, AMH) will be hosting meetings around the state to discuss these regulations later this year - late summer/early fall. I will be sending more information about these meetings as we get closer.

There are no transmittals this week.

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