

Office of Developmental Disabilities

A message from Lilia Teninty, Director



To: All ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

Oregon Assessment Changes Website now Online

In July I shared information on steps ODDS will be taking to address concerns about the short and long-term sustainability of the I/DD service system. Our first step will be to adjust the Adult Needs Assessment (ANA) and the Children's Needs Assessment (CNA) hour authorizations to reflect what we now know about the hours of in-home services people are using, and to ensure we have a clear process for requesting additional support through an exceptions process or appeals process.

We now have websites available for individuals, families, providers and Service Coordinators (SCs) and Personal Agents (PAs) to use to learn more about the process.

The website for individuals, families and others can be found at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/DD/Pages/Oregon-Assessment-Changes.aspx>

The Toolkit website for SCs and PAs can be found at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/DD/Pages/CM-Toolkit-ANA-CNA-Changes.aspx>

The information on each site is similar and anyone can look at either site to review the information provided. Both sites include answers to Frequently Asked Questions, a letter to individuals and families from me and an explanation of our exception criteria.

In addition, we are pleased to share that we have included the ability of individuals to request an exceptions review directly to ODDS. There is a form and information on what to include and how to submit the form on the website. Individuals can continue to request exceptions through their SC/PA and we now also offer individuals the option of requesting an exception directly of ODDS. Once the request is received by ODDS our team will work with the SC/PA serving the individual to gather additional information and get responses to questions about the request. The ability to request an exception review was made by many ODDS stakeholder groups and we are glad that this option is now available.

We hope the information on these websites is helpful for you as we begin to use revised hour authorization amounts with the ANA v. D and CNA v. D for new individuals coming into service on September 1, 2016 and for individuals currently in services with ISP dates that begin November 1, 2016 and after.

Service Coordinators and Personal Agents Conference

We had a great Service Coordinators and Personal Agents Conference earlier this month! The sessions were informative and I appreciated learning from each SC/PA I had the pleasure of talking with during and after formal sessions. I continue to be impressed by everyone's dedication and commitment to those we serve, even in the midst of nearly constant change.

I would like to thank the organizing committee: Marilee Bell, Ann Balzell, Katie Briggs, Julie Huber, Lori LeDuc, Catherine Lowry, Andrea Muzikant, Rachel Nale, Darlene Okeeffe, Shelly Reed, Melissa Rizzo, Mia Shapiro, Joli Schroader, Sue VanderNaald, Melissa Wiley, Mitzi Sugar, Lisa Walden and Carol Wright for investing considerable time and energy to put together this conference year after year. I'd also like to thank those that presented and shared their knowledge and experience with others. Finally, I'd like to thank everyone that took time out of their busy schedules to attend and engage with us on important topics.

Many presentations will be available by the end of the month on the provider and partner pages. <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/DD/PROVIDERS-PARTNERS/Pages/training.aspx>

I hope everyone is enjoying the last couple weeks of summer.

Sincerely,
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