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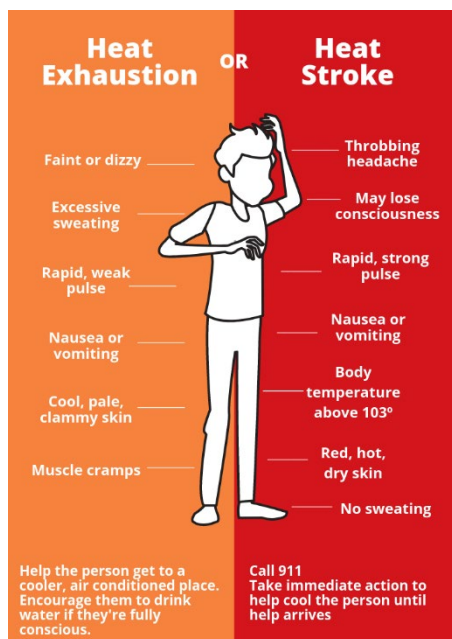
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To: ODDS Stakeholders

From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

Subject: Resources for Extreme Heat



Oregon Health Authority graphic

According to the National Weather Service, many parts of Oregon are expected to reach record-breaking temperatures, with highs reaching dangerous levels over the weekend, including up to 107 in the Portland area; up to 112 in southcentral and southwest Oregon; and up to 104 in central and eastern Oregon.

The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) wants to make sure people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families are safe during this time. Case Management Entities (CMEs) and providers should check in with individuals in services and make sure people are safe and comfortable, and if not, assist the person to get to a cooling center or another location in accordance with your emergency plans.

Case Management Entities should follow their emergency plans related to heat and possible power outages. CMEs also should communicate with their local emergency operation centers in case of an emergency. The contact information for local emergency centers is [online](#).

Personal Support Workers can transport individuals to cooling stations and stay with them during the process, if needed. This may mean a temporary increase in hours and mileage. Both are pre-approved and can be authorized via email. Submit through the ODDS Funding Review if hours go beyond what can be approved by the CME.

Other resources include:

Preventing Heat-related Illnesses (OHA):

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/Preparedness/Prepare/Pages/PrepareForExtremeHeat.aspx>

Extreme Heat (CDC):

<https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/index.html>

Warning Signs and Symptoms of Heat-related Illness (CDC):

<https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/warning.html>

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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