



April 18, 2022

To: Provider Agencies and Case Management Entities (CMEs)
From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services
Subject: Upcoming webinar about Community Living Supports agencies providing in-home services to individuals with I/DD

The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) will host a webinar, "Important changes in Community Living Supports in-home agency model," from 2 to 3 p.m. April 28 on Zoom. Provider agencies and CMEs, please plan to attend.

Background

During February's legislative session, Senate Bill 1548 passed. This new law directs the ODDS to implement a new model for in-home "agency with choice" by July 1, 2022. ODDS is working with partners to meet this deadline.

Currently, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) who live in their own home or with family can choose to directly hire Personal Support Workers (PSWs) or select a provider agency who hires Direct Support Professionals (DSPs).

Beginning July 1, 2022, individuals will have three options to receive services in their own or family home:

- PSW model — individuals and families hire PSWs directly
- Employer Agency — the new "agency with choice" model
- Independent Living Agency — the traditional agency-operated in-home model

Over the next couple of months, provider agencies will need to decide whether they will operate under the Employer Agency or Independent Living Agency models.

Webinar

To assist, ODDS is hosting an informational webinar about the implementation of the new Employer Model and how this will affect Community Living Supports provider agencies who support people with I/DD in their own or family homes.

- **Webinar:** “Important changes in Community Living Supports in-home agency model”
- **Date:** April 28, 2022
- **Time:** 2 to 3 p.m.
- **Location:** Online on Zoom
- **Online Zoom meeting link:** <https://tinyurl.com/oodds>

The event will have American Sign Language interpretation, Spanish interpretation and Communication Access Real Time captioning. For questions about accessibility or to request a different accommodation, please contact Oregon Office of Developmental Disabilities at 503-945-5811 or DD.DirectorsOffice@dhsosha.state.or.us. Requests should be made at least three business days prior to the event.

After the webinar, ODDS will continue working with partners to prepare for the implementation of these models and the policies that govern them. We look forward to working with you to improve the meaningful choices and options that we provide individuals and families.

Sincerely,

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Lilia Teninty
Director
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