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To: Case management entities (CMEs) and providers
From: Anna Lansky, Deputy Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services
Subject: Compass Project update

We achieved a big milestone in the Compass Project with the July 1 rates implementation. [Thank you, again](#), for your work to make this successful. I'm excited to fill you in on what's next.

In-home hours

We are delaying basing the hours available to people who live in their own or family homes on the Oregon Needs Assessment (ONA) and service groups. We will let you know as the timeline for this becomes clearer.

The reason for the delay: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services advised ODDS to spend all American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding before making these changes. We need to uphold ARPA's maintenance of effort requirements.

In-home agency models for community-living supports

We received great feedback on the in-home agency models at our recent work sessions and rule advisory committees. Here are the results of these meetings:

- We are moving forward with implementation of the standard model agency that began July 1. Our proposed permanent rules will reflect what we heard in these meetings.
- We expect the standard model agency's permanent rules to take effect at the end of December 2022.
- We need additional time to develop the employer model agency, formerly known as "agency with choice" in Senate Bill 1548.

- We are pausing rulemaking around the employer model agency to pursue more feedback from our partners about this model.

ISP redesign

ODDS is relaunching the redesign of the Individual Support Plan (ISP) with new contractors. The main goal of this project is to improve the planning process and materials. It will:

- Make the process easier for all to use and understand.
- Create a process and materials that better represent each person, their needs and their goals.
- Listen to diverse voices and perspectives.
- Offer more choices in how to do planning and how to document it.

The ISP redesign team will host opportunities to share your thoughts. We plan to share more with you about this process in October.

Timeline of other items

Here's an update on the timing of a few more things we're doing to improve our system. This may change as the timing depends on funding, legal developments, policymaking, legislative approvals and other factors.

- Over the course of 2023, we will continue to work on policy updates and rate models for supported-living services. We hope to finish this later in 2023.
- In 2023, we'll begin developing children's foster care payment models based on the ONA. Our goal is to implement these models in early 2024 depending on funding.
- We haven't determined when we will update adult foster care payments.

If you have any questions, please email ODDS.info@odhsoha.oregon.gov.

Sincerely,

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