

Policy Transmittal Developmental Disabilities Services



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Number:
Issue date:

Topic: Developmental Disabilities

Due date:

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New policy
 Policy change
 Policy clarification
 Executive letter
 Administrative Rule
 Manual update
 Other:

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: {Select type} | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children’s Intensive In Home Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children’s Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Policy/rule title:	Healthier Oregon Program		
Policy/rule number(s):		Release number:	
Effective date:		Expiration date:	
References:			
Web address:			

Discussion/interpretation:

Effective July 1, 2022, United States citizenship status will not affect eligibility for developmental disability services. The Healthier Oregon Program (HOP) will allow all residents of the state who are between 19 and 26 and at least 55 years old to have the benefits of the Oregon Health Plan and Long-Term Services and Supports such as those offered by the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services.

Regardless of citizenship status, children and individuals between 26 and 55 years old

can remain in case management services, but they are not eligible for other benefits. Prior to turning 26, individuals whose other funded services will be terminated must receive a Notice of Planned Action regarding the termination.

A new application for developmental disability services has been created and is available for use (DHS 0552). It does not inquire about citizenship status. Eligibility determinations made prior to July 1, 2022 must be made for people who have submitted the prior application and have provided evidence of citizenship. Eligibility determinations prior to July 1 may not be made based on the new application. CME may not send out an older application or have one on their website on or after July 1, 2022.

Individuals enrolled to a CME under the non-Citizenship pilot project (through a variance to the citizenship requirement or otherwise) will need to complete a DD application and be assisted no later than September 30, 2022. ODDS will end the non-Citizenship pilot project at this time. Assistance to enroll in HOP should be provided as needed. Enrollment to HOP is the same process as enrollment to Medicaid programs.

People who are eligible for developmental disability services and are eligible for HOP are eligible for the full array of available services otherwise funded through the K plan or waivers. Choice advising, service authorizations, service limitations, and case management services are the same for HOP enrollees as for Medicaid participants (OSIPM or HSD Medical programs).

To know if someone is enrolled in HOP, in the eXPRS View Client Medicaid Eligibility tab, you will see a case descriptor "HOP." If a new applicant for services is not enrolled in Medicaid or HOP, assist them to access the local office to be enrolled, if needed. When a person enrolled in HOP turns 26, the coding in eXPRS will not change. Case Management Entities will be required to track those individuals turning 26 and end services as needed. The addition of the HOP coding does not change any operations with respect to enrollment and service eligibility.

Training/communication plan:

This transmittal will be discussed during the next Monthly Transmittal Review. Please send questions in advance to ODDS.Questions@dhsosha.state.or.us.

The Monthly Transmittal Reviews are held the second Wednesday of every month at 2 pm using the Zoom platform. Please register in advance for these meetings:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlsc-qvqD8iGURx5OQk8TAdIS6Arg9ZAf4>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing an appointment and information about joining the meeting. American Sign Language (ASL) and live captioning will be provided. To request other accommodations or languages, please send an email to ODDS.Questions@dhsosha.state.or.us at least three business days prior to the meeting.

Field/stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

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