

Policy Transmittal Developmental Disabilities Services



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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) |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Policy/rule title:	UPDATED: Purchasing Personal Air Purifiers Through OR 562		
Policy/rule number(s):	DD-PT-21-056	Release number:	V2
Effective date:	07/01/2021	Expiration date:	
References:			
Web address:	https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/DD/Transmittals/21056.pdf		

This policy has been updated effective 7/21/2021. Updates include:

- Removed requirement that air quality is poor before purchase is authorized
- Removed the requirement that the personal air purifier increase the individual's ability to participate in ADL/IADLs
- Added requirement that the individual has an assessed need impacted by poor air quality

Discussion/interpretation:

Poor air quality may impact the physical conditions of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Case managers may authorize the purchase of personal air purifier for people with an assessed need that would be impacted by poor air quality. The purchase of a personal air purifier can be authorized in anticipation of poor air quality conditions.

Implementation/transition instructions:

A single personal air purifier may be authorized for an individual when the individual has an assessed need that would be impacted by poor air quality. One replacement filter per plan year may be authorized. The assessed need must be identified in the individual's Oregon Needs Assessment (ONA).

- Whole home air purifiers will not be authorized.
- Duplicate air purifiers will not be authorized.
- Multiple replacement filters within a plan year will not be authorized.

A case management entity may authorize the most cost-effective personal air purifier for an individual as a specialized medical supply (OR562) through the following process:

- The assessed need and an explanation of how poor air quality impacts the assessed need must be documented in the ISP or on an ISP change form.
- Documentation must clarify how the item being purchased is the most cost effective to meet the individual's need and why less expensive air purifiers will not meet the need.
- When entering the SPA in eXPRS, the case manager must select "generic" provider and add "personal air purifier" in the "Generic Provider Name" field.

Limitations:

- Items under \$1200 may be authorized by the CME.
- Items over \$1200 should be requested through the exceptions process. The request should include the required documentation noted above.
- General fund purchases for individuals receiving case management only should be requested through the exceptions process.

Training/communication plan: Directors and Managers to share will all who are interested in authorizing specialized medical supplies.

Local/branch action required: NA

Central office action required: NA

Field/stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

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