Asbestos Testing Prior to the Development of a Scope of Work

Policy rule number(s): Release number:

Effective date: 1/1/2021 Expiration date:

References:

Web address:

Discussion/interpretation: ODDS has implemented a policy change with regards to asbestos testing and home modifications. This policy removes the requirement for the homeowner to submit written proof that there is no asbestos present prior to the development of a scope of work. This policy change will impact any requests for the development of a scope of work received after January 1, 2021.

Implementation/transition instructions: On January 1, 2021, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) rules regulating testing for the presence of asbestos changed requiring that asbestos testing be completed by an accredited inspector. This means that at-home testing is no longer allowed. Due to this change
we are no longer requiring homeowners to test for asbestos prior to submitting the exception request. The scope of work will indicate that if the home was built or had significant remodeling completed prior to 2004 the construction contractor who is awarded the bid must complete asbestos testing prior to the start of construction per DEQ rules. Should asbestos be found to be present, the construction of the home modification will cease, and the homeowner must abate the asbestos prior to the completion of the home modification.

**Training/communication plan:** Managers and Directors are to share this information with all persons involved in the Home Modification request process.

**Local/branch action required:** NA

**Central office action required:** NA

**Field/stakeholder review:** ☑ Yes ☐ No

**If yes, reviewed by:** Engagement and Innovations website

**Filing instructions:**

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