

Policy Transmittal Developmental Disabilities Services



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Topic: Developmental Disabilities

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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 type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): Service coordinators, personal agents and potential direct nurse service providers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Policy/rule title:	Policy Update to Direct Nursing Service Worker Guide		
Policy/rule number(s):		Release number:	
Effective date:	August 1, 2021	Expiration date:	
References:			
Web address:			

Discussion/interpretation:

As part of the process of implementation for the Oregon Needs Assessment (ONA) and rate methodologies in 24-hour residential homes, ODDS received permission from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services to offer a new type of direct nursing services (DNS) provider type called direct nursing services agency (DNSA). This new type of provider was developed to allow certified 24-hour residential agencies to become endorsed to provide DNS for those individuals it may be serving when the ONA and rate methodology is implemented.

Implementation/transition instructions:

Effective August 1, 2021 ODDS is updating the **Direct Nursing Services-Medicaid Provider Enrollment Worker Guide** <http://www.dhs.state.or.us/spd/tools/dd/cm/> or <http://www.dhs.state.or.us/spd/tools/dd/bpa/index.html> to add provider enrollment instructions for the new provider type. Once enrollment is completed, DNSA providers would be qualified to serve anyone who is eligible for direct nursing services in any eligible settings including employment and day service.

The updated worker guide explains the provider enrollment process for CME's to assist interested potential providers. It more clearly defines the necessary forms and where the forms are to be sent.

Local/branch action required:

CME's working with individuals or families eligible for direct nursing services should familiarize themselves with the provider enrollment process and share the guide with families, guardians or potential providers.

Central office action required:

Release of updated Worker Guide Policy

Communication/training:

This transmittal will be discussed during the next Monthly Transmittal Review. These meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at 2 pm using the TEAMS platform. The link to participate is here: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#), or you can call 971-277-2343 using conference ID: 468 508 153# to hear only the audio portion of the meeting. Please send questions in advance to ODDS.Questions@dhs.oha.state.or.us.

Field/stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by: Engagement & Innovation

Filing instructions: NA

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