

# Policy Transmittal Developmental Disabilities Services



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**Number: DD-PT-21-087**

**Issue date: 9/29/2021**

**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 type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU)  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): 24 hour residential providers; adult foster care providers |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs                          |  |

<b>Policy/rule title:</b>	Temporary Reduced Staffing Capacity Policies		
<b>Policy/rule number(s):</b>		<b>Release number:</b>	
<b>Effective date:</b>		<b>Expiration date:</b>	
<b>References:</b>			
<b>Web address:</b>			

**Discussion/interpretation:**

Oregon is facing critical workforce shortages within the developmental disabilities services system, most severely impacting residential service providers and case management entities (CMEs). These shortages represent risks to the health, safety, and welfare of the people receiving services. ODDS, along with multiple partners, has identified policy and practice changes to help alleviate the impacts of this crisis while maintaining health, safety, and continuity of supports for individuals served.

These policy changes have been collected and detailed in the [Temporary Provider Capacity Policy Guide](#). The policies and practices contained in the guide will be allowed until January 31, 2022. ODDS will review these policies on a regular basis and may alter, end, or extend them as needed. Exercising these policy options should be a last resort in response to acute workforce shortages only.

Policy and practice changes contained in the [Temporary Provider Capacity Policy Guide](#) include:

- Modifications to the licensing process.
- Processes and standards related to temporary capacity changes for 24-hour residential homes, including the effects on rates.
- Processes and standards related to individuals temporarily staying away from their home, including alternate licensed and unlicensed settings.
- Designated authority for CMEs to authorize certain types of exceptions.
- Placement and funding changes for DD-eligible children under the custody of Child Welfare.
- Support for children returning home from residential settings.
- Expanding the roles of CME staff within the CME.

#### **Training/communication plan:**

These policies will be discussed **Wednesday, October 6, from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.** using the Zoom platform. Spanish, 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](mailto:ODDS.Questions@dhsosha.state.or.us) by Friday, October 1 at 2PM.

#### **Please click the link below to join the webinar:**

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**Field/stakeholder review:**  Yes  No

**If yes, reviewed by:** Multiple organizations and individuals contributed to these policies.

*If you have any questions about this policy, contact:*

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