Action Request Transmittal
Developmental Disabilities Services

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Issue date: 11/2/2018

Topic: Developmental Disabilities

Subject: Direct Nursing Services in ODDS 24 Hour Residential Group Homes

Applies to (check all that apply):

☐ All DHS employees
☐ Area Agencies on Aging: {Select type}
☐ Aging and People with Disabilities
☐ Self Sufficiency Programs
☒ County DD program managers
☐ ODDS Children’s Residential Services
☐ Child Welfare Programs
☐ County Mental Health Directors
☐ Health Services
☐ Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)
☐ ODDS Children’s Intensive In Home Services
☐ Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU)
☒ Other (please specify): CDDP service coordinators

Reason for action: In anticipation of unbundling existing residential rates which currently include funding to support individuals with complex medical supports needs, ODDS is proposing to expand Direct Nursing services (DNS) to individuals in 24-hour residential settings. Individuals who live in a 24-residential setting must be determined eligible for DNS under OAR 411-380.

Action required: Upon approval by Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) will expand Direct Nursing Services (DNS) to individuals in 24-hour residential settings if the individual meets DNS eligibility criteria. Pending approval from CMS, ODDS must identify those individuals who may be eligible for DNS and need a Direct Nursing Services Criteria completed prior to the implementation date of DNS in 24-hour residential settings.

Earlier in 2018, a survey was sent out to CDDPs (Transmittal AR-18-029) asking them to identify individuals who have complex health indicators. This elicited a list of approximately 75 individuals. During the week of October 29th, 2018, each CDDP Program Manager will be sent an e-mail with a spreadsheet which will contain the names of individuals enrolled in that specific CDDP who may need to have DNS
criteria completed during the first half of 2019 to determine appropriate and accurate eligibility for Direct Nursing Services (DNS). CDDP service coordinators will need to review records to confirm high technology medical needs secondary to complex medical diagnosis. This technology is needed for the individual to sustain life. The instructions on the spreadsheet are as follows:

Please confirm by marking yes or no to the list if the individual:

1. has a tracheostomy or
2. is on a ventilator or BiPAP machine or
3. receives a central line infusion in the home (longer than 8 weeks) for pain management or nutrition and
4. has one or more of the following significant medical complexities:
   a) respiratory issues-including oxygen, daily suctioning or
   b) dialysis in the home or
   c) moderate to severe seizures occurring weekly or multiple times daily

If the CDDP determines there are individuals in 24-hour residential services in their county who are not on the spreadsheet but meet the criteria listed above, please add them to the spreadsheet list for your CDDP.

No later than November 30, 2018, return the completed spreadsheet to: 
ODDS.RNSupport@state.or.us.

**Field/stakeholder review:** □ Yes □ No

*If yes, reviewed by:*

*If you have any questions about this action request, contact:*

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