Information Memorandum Transmittal
Developmental Disabilities Services

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☐ Self Sufficiency Programs
☐ County DD program managers
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☐ ODDS Children’s Residential Services
☐ Child Welfare Programs

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Message:

The expenditure guidelines v.10 is being updated to reflect AR-19-011, which increased the Family Support annual limit per child from $1215 to $1227.15. This increase is reflected in Appendix C of the guidelines, on pages 89 and 91.

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Family Support (FS) services are 100% General Fund, and are not available for children who are enrolled in K-plan or Waiver services. Those enrolled in State Plan Personal Care (SPPC) only can still access FS services – within the parameters of each program. With regards to the FS program, CDDPs are required to have a plan of how to best manage usage of FS funds to serve as many children as possible within the program intent – outlined in the purpose section of the FS rules. For example, some families may need case management/service coordination only – i.e., connection to resources. With regards to the SPPC program, the personal care support needs must be due to the child’s own abilities and resources, which include what’s naturally provided by parents and other means – i.e., assistive technologies.

Other things to keep in mind when thinking about services and supports for children and their family:
How much support does the child need? What combination of paid/unpaid supports is best to meet the child’s support needs, long-term goals and outcomes? As with any ODDS-funded services, cost effectiveness should always be considered.

All the same standards associated with the authorization of any services described in these Expenditure Guidelines also apply to Family Support services. Additionally, Family Support (SE150) rules require that the purchase: must be directly tied to the identified support needs and desired outcomes of the child under OAR 411-305-0225; be an allowable support under OAR 411-305-0235; meet the conditions outlined in OAR 411-305-0230; and adhere to the annual limit of \$1215\underline{1227.15} per child. The following services are available under SE150:

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The following guidance is for 2 additional services unique to the Family Support program, Community Inclusion and Respite. Note that provider agencies for these 2 services may also be licensed under ORS 446.330 per OAR 411-305-0240(3); they still have to meet the standards described in OAR 411-450-0080 per OAR 411-305-0240(2). And because camps/provider agencies licensed under ORS 446.330 are not qualified provider types as required per OAR 411-305-0240(1), they do need to be certified, endorsed, and have a provider number to be paid through eXPRS.

**Community Inclusion (OR527):** The purpose of these supports is to assist a child in acquiring, retaining or improving skills that enhance independence and integration in the community. These supports encourage a child to participate in organized group recreation or leisure activities in a community-based setting that are available to all children. The participation or registration cost of an organized activity may be up to $150 per plan year.

Supports may be provided by a PSW or provider agency chosen by the child (as appropriate) or the child’s legal representative, and in accordance to the provider standards. Examples include:

- Boys and Girls club activities
- Parks and Recreation events (i.e., swimming, outdoor learning)
- Learning opportunities in the community (i.e., shopping, using transportation system)
Respite (OR530 hourly, OR507 daily): The purpose of these supports is to provide a temporary break for the primary caregiver from the daily demands of ongoing care of a child with I/DD. Respite may be utilized on a periodic or intermittent basis – daily or hourly – provided by a PSW or provider agency chosen by the child (as appropriate) or the child’s legal representative, and in accordance to the provider standards.

- Daily respite: The POC code and daily rate for this service is the same as for Daily Relief.
- Hourly respite: the POC code for this service is OR530. The hourly rate is the same as for Attendant Care.

Note: Respite can be utilized as daily or hourly services independently – OR530 do not have to be authorized in conjunction with OR507. Use OR508 in conjunction with OR507 as described in PT-16-029 and AR-16-063.

Keep in mind that for all services authorized, Family Support funds cannot exceed the total annual limit of $12,271.15. If Respite is the only chosen and authorized service, families can be informed upfront that:

- A maximum of 43.254 hour/plan year at the current hourly provider agency/camp’s payment rate of $27.28/28.37/hr ($28.37 x 43.254 hrs/units = $12,700.32) are available.
- A maximum of 5 days/plan year at the current daily provider agency/camp’s payment rate of $232.25/day ($232.25 x 5 days/units = $1161.25) are available.