

# Information Memorandum Transmittal Developmental Disabilities Services



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**Topic:** Developmental Disabilities

**Due date:** January 1, 2021

**Subject:** ODDS Children's Residential Group Home ONA Service Group rate implementation

**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 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 type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other ( <i>please specify</i> ):                                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs                          |  |

**Message:**

On January 1, 2021, the rates paid to children's group home providers will change. There is no change in how many child will receive services.

**Background**

Oregon's system is changing to be more person-centered, to shift the focus from the hours or types of services for which a person qualifies to what the person needs to have a full life. The first step in that change was to create the Oregon Needs Assessment (ONA). The ONA is a tool used to get information about a person's support needs.

The next step was to create "service groups." Certain questions in the ONA are used to identify a person's service group. Each person is placed into one service group based on their age and answers to the ONA about their support needs. Over time, provider rates will be based on an individual's service group. The service group also sets how much time a person may be paid to support someone each month at home, at work and in their community.

**The change**

Starting on Jan. 1, 2021, the rate paid to children’s 24-hour residential (group home) providers will be based on the child’s service group.

ODDS residential specialists, providers and parent/guardians are being notified about the change. Providers have also been notified about a training session and technical assistance calls related to exceptions requests.

If the child’s needs have changed since the last ONA, or anyone on the child’s team believes the service group doesn’t adequately reflect the child’s needs, please contact the residential specialist.

Other provider groups are scheduled to have rates based on the new service groups starting July 1, 2021. Details about those changes are scheduled to be shared toward the end of 2020.

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