

Information Memorandum Transmittal Developmental Disabilities Services



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Topic: Developmental Disabilities

Due date:

Subject: Contractor working with Direct Nursing Service Criteria

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

Message:

The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) has contracted with "Elderwise Inc." for the purpose of assisting with the completion of Direct Nursing Services (DNS) Criteria's to determine eligibility for DNS services. This means that Case Management Entity service coordinators and personal agents, individual's and providers may now be contacted by Elderwise to schedule a DNS nursing criteria, rather than by the ODDS Health Management Specialist. ODDS will continue to be responsible for gathering updated documentation from the case management entities and sharing the records with Elderwise prior to the criteria being completed as well as issuing the eligibility determination to the CME.

ODDS may access other contractors in the future for DNS criteria as they become available. Under their contract, Elderwise and future contractors are bound by HIPPA and Confidentiality Standards.

If you have questions, please contact Rachel Olson or ODDS.RNSupport@dhsosha.state.or.us

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