

Information Memorandum Transmittal Developmental Disabilities Services



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Topic: Developmental Disabilities

Due date:

Subject: New Oregon OSHA COVID Rules for Workplaces- Effective 11/16/2020

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): DD Services Providers with Employees, including agency providers, residential setting providers, and in-home services; provider organizations |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Message: Oregon OSHA issued new COVID rules for workplaces that take effect on November 16, 2020. Many DD Services providers are subject to these rules and will be impacted by the requirements.

This communication is intended to assist providers by providing making them aware of new regulations that may impact business operations. OSHA is a separate regulatory authority not affiliated with ODDS. For questions related to the new OSHA regulations, providers are encouraged to contact OSHA directly or utilize provider resources available to them for further support in this area.

Providers are responsible to know if OSHA rules apply to them as an employer and are expected to be aware of and follow the OSHA requirements.

The new OSHA rules may be found at the following link:
<https://osha.oregon.gov/OSHARules/div1/437-001-0744.pdf>

Individual employers of PSWs or homecare workers, independent contractors, and foster care providers whose employees are not covered by workers compensation are not subject to the OSHA rules.

The following link may be used to complete and submit a form to OSHA for complaints or concerns related to the OSHA rules: <https://www4.cbs.state.or.us/exs/osha/hazrep/>

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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