

Policy Transmittal Developmental Disabilities Services



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UPDATE #23

Number: APD-PT-20-074

Issue date: 11/4/2021

Topic: Developmental Disabilities

Due date:

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New policy
 Policy change
 Policy clarification
 Executive letter
 Administrative Rule
 Manual update
 Other:

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 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 (please specify): All DD Provider Agencies; Individuals; and Families |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Policy/rule title:	ODDS Reopening Policy Worker's Guides and Updates		
Policy/rule number(s):		Release number:	
Effective date:	06/01/2020 Updated 07/07/2020 Updated 07/20/2020 Updated 08/19/2020 Updated 09/16/2020 Updated 09/29/2020 Updated 10/27/2020 Updated 11/10/2020 Updated 11/12/2020	Expiration date:	To Be Announced

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References:			
Web address:	https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/DD/Pages/ODDS-COVID-19-information.aspx		

Updates for 11/4/2021

The CME reopening guide was updated to:

- Allow ISPs and ONAs to be extended by up to a year.
- Incorporate guidance around authorization of assistive technology.
- Correct annual case manager training requirements.

(Please note the information below about the monthly transmittal call has changed)

It has come to ODDS' attention that the announcement by the Office for Civil Rights that it has suspended its HIPAA enforcement has led to mixed understanding as to how that relates to text messaging. To clarify, texting is considered within the OCR description of telehealth and is an acceptable means of service delivery during the pandemic, including case management services. It should be used only when an individual prefers it to other forms of communication.

End of updates for 11/4/2021

Discussion/interpretation:

ODDS' COVID-19 policy for various provider types is contained in the following Reopening Worker's Guides:

- Case Management Entities (CMEs):
[Case Management Reopening Worker's Guide](#)
- 24 Hour Residential and Foster Care Providers:
[Residential Reopening Worker's Guide](#)
- Employment and Day Support Activities Providers:
[Employment and DSA Reopening Worker's Guide](#)
- Supported Living Providers:
[Supported Living Reopening Worker's Guide](#)
- In-Home Agency Providers:
[In-Home Agency Reopening Worker's Guide](#)
- Licensors:
[Licensing Reopening Worker's Guide](#)

Transmittals aimed at other provider types (including Personal Support Workers [PSWs] and Behavior Consultants) will remain in place.

ODDS COVID related information is [posted here](#).

The following COVID-19 related transmittals are obsolete:

- Action Requests (all year 2020): 011, 018, 019, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 027, 028, 029, 033, 036, 040, 049, 050, 057, 058, 059, 060.
- Informational Memoranda (all year 2020): 024, 028, 031, 032, 040, 045, 048, 050.
- Policy Transmittals (all year 2020): 015, 018, 021, 023, 024, 027, 028, 029, 030, 031, 035, 036, 037, 038, 039, 042, 043, 044, 046, 049, 050, 052, 053, 055, 056, 057, 058, 059, 061, 062, 063, 066, 067, 068, 073, 092.

The following transmittals remain valid are not incorporated into a guide:

- [AR-20-030](#) Behavior Professionals with expiring "G" level OIS certificates
- [AR-20-031](#) COVID-19 Scenarios Tools
- [AR-20-037](#) ODDS COVID-19 Staffing Support
- [AR-20-039](#) PSW Request for lost payment Hardship Benefit (PTO)
- [AR-20-042](#) Temporary Changes to CDDP Adult Abuse Investigation Practice
- [AR-20-049](#) Information to report to ODDS re: individual and paid providers
- [AR-20-051](#) PSW Payment Processing Changes
- [AR-20-055](#) Training Opportunity Through Open Future Learning
- [AR-20-059](#) Notification of potential COVID-19 exposure
- [IM-20-026](#) Behavior Professionals and home visits during CV19
- [IM-20-041](#) PPE Masks and Gloves for Personal Support Workers
- [IM-20-116](#) Attendant Care Services and School

- [IM-20-125](#) COVID compliance assistance
- [PT-20-025](#) Presumed Eligibility Guidance
- [PT-20-045](#) "Stay at Home, Save Lives," Executive Order 20-12
- [PT-20-048](#) Temporary policy changes to (PASRR) process
- [PT-20-064](#) COVID-19 CARES Act benefits and resources
- [PT-20-069](#) LTCR Extension for DD Providers in eXPRS
- [PT-20-071](#) Department funding of Assistive Technology
- [PT-20-075](#) Scenarios and Reporting requirements for COVID-19
- [PT-20-079](#) COVID-19 and CAM Reporting
- [PT-20-083](#) COVID-19 and CAM Reporting for Abuse Investigations and Death Reviews
- [PT-20-111](#) OIS Expiration Extension for Independent Providers of Professional Behavior Services

Training/communication plan:

This transmittal will be discussed during the next Monthly Transmittal Review. Please send questions in advance to ODDS.Questions@dhsosha.state.or.us.

The Monthly Transmittal Reviews are held the second Wednesday of every month at 2 pm using the Zoom platform. Please register in advance for these meetings:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlsc-qvqD8iGURx5OQk8TAdIS6Arg9ZAf4>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing an appointment and information about joining the meeting. American Sign Language (ASL) and live captioning will be provided. To request other accommodations or languages, please send an email to ODDS.Questions@dhsosha.state.or.us at least three business days prior to the meeting.

Field/stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

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