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APD AFH Provider Alert

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TO: Adult Foster Home Providers

FROM: Aging and People with Disabilities Policy Unit

RE: APD-ODDS Rate and Wage Study to launch beginning Jan. 29, 2024

A contractor working for the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) will begin seeking responses for a rate and wage study of community-based and in-home providers who serve people with disabilities and older adults on Jan. 29, 2024.

This is a comprehensive study that should be filled out by an administrator, executive director, manager or owner/operator.

The survey was developed because of the essential role that you play. Individuals who receive services and supports from ODHS rely on being able to access your essential services. Your expertise and dedication are highly valued by ODHS.

Provider participation in the study is crucial to ensuring ODHS collects the data it needs to advocate for effective Medicaid-funded reimbursement rates for services and supports. These rates ensure people in Oregon have access to quality providers and direct-care workers.

The APD-ODDS Rate and Wage Survey is being conducted by [Burns & Associates](#), which is a division of Health Management Associates. The survey will be sent to community-based and in-home providers that support individuals who are served by two ODHS programs: the [ODHS Office of Aging and People](#)

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[with Disabilities \(APD\)](#) and the [ODHS Office of Developmental Disabilities Services \(ODDS\)](#). Please watch for the messages coming from Burns & Associates. If you have questions please contact Regan Sheeley at regan.sheeley@odhs.oregon.gov.

This study is the result of direction provided during the 2023 Oregon Legislative Session and will conclude with distribution of a written report to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means or Emergency Board by the end of September 2024. The first phase of this project began last year when APD and ODDS established work groups to help inform the study process.

PLEASE NOTE: The APD-ODDS Rate and Wage Survey is one of several studies being conducted this year. Other surveys you may have already received communication about, or will in the future, are those being conducted by:

- Quality Measurement Council (12/29/23)
- Portland State University (1/2/23)
- Population Health Team (1/22/24)
- ATI Advisory (on behalf of the Joint Task Force for Hospital Discharge Challenges)
- Vital Research (on behalf of the National Core Indicators- Aging and Disabilities)

The APD-ODDS Rate and Wage Survey will require time and commitment. This request would not be made of you if it was not an essential step in evaluating reimbursement rates for services provided. The APD and ODDS leadership teams want to thank everyone who supports the success of this research.