Action Request Transmittal Aging and People with Disabilities

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Authorized signature	<u>Issue date</u> : 12/20/2019
<u>Topic</u> : Long Term Care	Due date : 1/31/2020
Subject : Independent Choices Program (ICP) Wage Increase and WBF Rate Change for 20	,
Applies to (check all that apply):	
 ☐ All DHS employees ☒ Area Agencies on Aging: Type B ☒ Aging and People with Disabilities ☐ Self Sufficiency Programs ☐ County DD program managers 	 County Mental Health Directors Health Services Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services
☐ ODDS Children's Residential Services☐ Child Welfare Programs	Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU)Other (<i>please specify</i>):

<u>Action required</u>: The purpose of this transmittal is to inform APD/AAA local office staff of the updated <u>Independent Choices Benefit Calculation (SDS 0546IC2Wk)</u> form; located on the Forms Server and on the ICP webpage.

Effective January 2020, the hourly rate for ICP providers is increasing to \$15.00 per hour. The FICA, FUTA and SUTA tax rates are not changing for 2020. However, the WBF rate is changing to \$0.011 per hour (which is the employer's portion only). These changes have been made to the <u>546IC2Wk</u> form to accurately reflect the new ICP monthly benefit starting in January 2020. The following actions must be taken **before January 31, 2020**.

- A new 546IC2Wk form must be completed and submitted for every ICP case. A copy needs to be sent to the participant and the ICP policy analyst at ICP.SPD@dhsoha.state.or.us. Staff must save a copy of the updated form to EDMS as well.
- Complete a COMP or a SUPL action effective January 1, 2020 to update the ICP N/R based upon the monthly benefit amount indicated on the updated 546IC2Wk form.

The case manager must also work with the participant to complete a new ICP
Budget Worksheet to update the total monthly budget. If the participant is using
the Fiscal Intermediary Acumen a copy of the ICP Budget Worksheet must also
be sent to Acumen at customerservice@acumen2.net and a copy must also be
sent to the ICP policy analyst at ICP.SPD@dhsoha.state.or.us.

To register: N/A

<u>Note</u>: Currently, only the English version has been updated. The versions in other languages will be updated as soon as possible. Please contact the policy analyst listed at the bottom of this transmittal if you have any questions about how to complete the required changes.

<u>Reason for action</u>: The new CBA agreement between SEIU and the State of Oregon and the Oregon Home Care Commission approved the pay increase for providers effective January 2020. The WBF rate has been changed which impacts the monthly ICP benefit as well.

Field/stakeholder review: X Yes No

If yes, reviewed by: Operations Committee

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