Policy Transmittal Aging and People with Disabilities



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Topic: Licensing Transmitting (check the box that best app		CORRECTED #2 End date: 3/31/2022 lies):		
 New policy ✓ Policy change ✓ Policy clarification ✓ Administrative Rule ✓ Manual update ✓ Other: Applies to (check all that apply):				
 ☐ All DHS employees ☑ Area Agencies on Aging: Types A and B ☑ Aging and People with Disabilities ☐ Self Sufficiency Programs ☐ County DD program managers ☐ Support Service Brokerage Directors ☐ ODDS Children's Residential Services ☐ Child Welfare Programs 		 ☐ County Mental Health Directors ☐ Health Services ☐ Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) ☐ ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services ☐ Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) ☐ Other (please specify): 		
Policy/rule title:	Visitor Restrictions for Licensed Nursing Facilities, Residential Care Facilities, Assisted Living Facilities, and Adult Foster Homes due to COVID-19			
Policy/rule number(s):			Release number:	
Effective date: 3/18/2020			Expiration date:	3/31/2022
References:				
Web address:				

Discussion/interpretation:

In consultation with the Oregon Health Authority and under the authority of Executive Order 20-03, Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) had adopted a strict visitor restriction policy for licensed Nursing Facilities (NF), Residential Care Facilities (RCF), and Assisted Living Facilities (ALF). In addition, on March 16, 2020, these restrictions also apply to Adult Foster Homes (AFH).

Visitors are restricted to essential individuals, which has been defined to include:

- Facility staff and prospective staff seeking employment;
- Outside medical personnel;
- Emergency responders including EMS, Fire and Police;
- Vendors, but only when access to facility is required
- Adult protective services staff engaged in an active adult abuse investigation;
- Licensing/Survey staff;
- Long Term Care Ombudsman and Deputies (not volunteers);
- Legal guardians;
- Friends or family members visiting during end-of-life stages

These extraordinary actions are being taken to limit the potential for exposure to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Guidance on how staff may conduct effective eligibility reviews and case management services, in light of these actions, will be issued via a separate transmittal.

This policy is in effect until further notice.

<u>Training/communication plan</u> : Managers need to review with all AAA/APD staff members as appropriate.
Local/branch action required: Actions are indicated above.
Central office action required: Provide technical assistance as needed.
Field/stakeholder review: ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, reviewed by:
Filing instructions:
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