

Policy Transmittal Aging and People with Disabilities



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Topic: Long Term Care

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: Type B | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children’s Intensive In Home Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children’s Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Policy/rule title:	Temporary Policy Changes for Exceptions and K-Ancillary Services in Response to Wildfire Emergency		
Policy/rule number(s):		Release number:	
Effective date:		Expiration date:	
References:			
Web address:			

Discussion/interpretation:

Oregon Governor Kate Brown has declared a statewide emergency in response to the wildfires that are currently occurring in Oregon. Many individuals have been evacuated from their homes or CBC settings, including those with significant care needs that will need assistance in alternate care settings.

APD is making the following temporary policy changes:

Exceptions (In-home and AFH)

If an SPL eligible individual has been evacuated to another setting, when appropriate, an in-home (hourly and exceeding the weekly cap) or AFH exception must be immediately requested. When making the request, please use the subject line: - URGENT- FIRE EVAC when emailing to SPD.Exceptions@dhsosha.state.or.us (for in-home) or APD.CBCExceptions@dhsosha.state.or.us (for AFH exceptions).

For these situations, the exceptions will be reviewed as an urgent priority.

Field office staff should work with individuals and providers to determine an appropriate exception request to meet their needs. Needs that include a reasonable amount of time for supervision or “just in case” type of assistance will also be considered in this circumstance, as well as direct support related to the evacuation. In addition, documentation that can not be readily provided for Central Office review does not have to be included.

Exceptions that are approved in this circumstance will be for no more than 30 days. For individuals receiving in-home services, it is important to provide the start and end date of the exception.

Renewals may be requested as appropriate.

Exceptions may be retroactively approved.

Services in non-traditional settings

During this statewide emergency, in-home services may also be temporarily delivered in settings such as shelters, hotels, or at a non-relative HCW’s home if the individual had to evacuate from their home due to a wildfire.

Services outside of the task list

HCWs or IHCAAs may provide additional services that directly supports individuals with evacuating from their home. This includes packing, assisting with the actual evacuation, etc.

K-Plan Ancillary Services

Individuals who had to evacuate from their home due to the wildfire, resulting in either not bringing their critical DME or their DME is lost, will need replacement as soon as possible.

Under these circumstances, for SPL eligible individuals, DME purchases under \$500 may still be authorized by the local office per [APD-PT-18-047](#). Offices should purchase items as appropriate for the individual's current care needs.

APD will authorize short-term rentals or purchases (as appropriate) for DME costs that exceed \$500 under the K-Plan Ancillary rules.

- Submit requests through through KPlan.Requests@dhsoha.state.or.us.
 - Use the subject line -URGENT- FIRE EVAC.
 - Requests for multiple individuals may be made in the same email.
 - Provide 1 vendor quote for each DME request (please work with the vendor to determine if a quick delivery can be made or if it can be picked up at the vendor's store).
 - Provide a brief description of the need
- Start working with the CCO for replacements.
- CC Mat Rapoza (Mathew.G.Rapoza@dhsoha.state.or.us) and Jane-ellen Weidanz (Jane-Ellen.Weidanz@dhsoha.state.or.us) to assist with making expedited decisions.

Field/stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by: Internal Review only

Filing instructions:

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

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