

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: Types A and 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 (please specify): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children’s Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Policy/rule title:	Definition of Service Priority Level (SPL) 18		
Policy/rule number(s):	411-015-0010(18)	Release number:	
Effective date:	July 1, 2022	Expiration date:	
References:			
Web address:			

Discussion/interpretation: OAR 411-015-0010(18) is being updated, effective July 1, 2022, to include a change in how SPL 18 is defined. On or after July 1, 2022, any newly created assessments in Oregon ACCESS (OA) will reflect the change in rule.

Rule currently defines SPL 18 as “Independent in the above levels but requires structured living for supervision for complex medical problems or a complex medication regimen.” On July 1, 2022, rule will define SPL 18 as “**Individuals assessed with ADL needs not included in SPL 1-17 or those with medical or medication management needs.**”

What does this change mean?

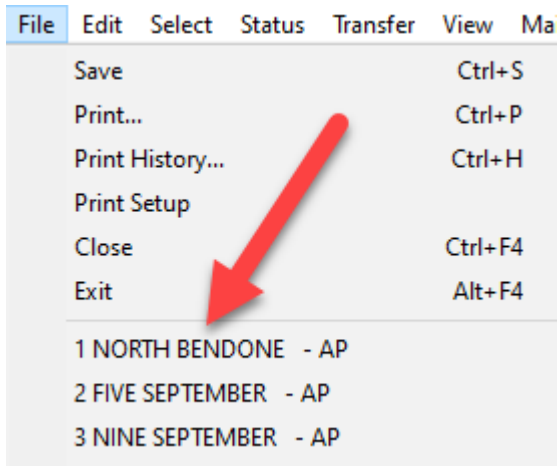
- Individuals who are assessed as requiring assistance with a task in the activity of personal hygiene and/or grooming, without being assessed as needing assistance in another ADL, will result in an SPL 18 in the assessment algorithm.
 - The update to OA will also allow for hours to be assigned to personal hygiene or grooming, even when the individual has been assessed as independent in bathing or dressing, respectively.
- Individuals who are assessed as needing assistance with only meal preparation will no longer generate an SPL 18.
 - Oregon Project Independence (OPI) impact: Central Office has been working closely with OPI staff to determine if there is another qualifying need or to assist in a safe transition plan.
 - Extended Waiver Eligibility (EWE) impact: Individuals assessed as SPL 18 due to assistance with meal preparation alone, and receiving LTSS through EWE, do not have to be reassessed until their annual review is due.

Why are we making this change? The rule language and the OA algorithm did not match long standing policy intent. It was critical that the language, and the algorithm, be corrected before implementation of the Oregon Project Independence-Medicaid and Family Caregiver Assistance Programs become live this year.

Implementation/transition instructions:

Individuals currently receiving services that may be impacted by this change do not have to be reassessed until their annual redetermination is due unless the individual requests to be reassessed. After July 1, 2022, when a new assessment is completed, staff should be aware that individuals may now have hours available in the ADL Bathing/Personal Hygiene or Dressing/Grooming when they did not in the past.

Please note: the “Most Recently Used” list under the File tab (see example below) will be cleared with the June 29 release. It will begin to rebuild as staff access components starting on June 30.



Training/communication plan:

Local/branch action required: No additional actions required

Central office action required: No additional actions required

Field/stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by: Internal and Operations review

Filing instructions:

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