

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

Policy/rule title:	Emergency Response System Policy Clarifications and New Authorization Form		
Policy/rule number(s):	OAR 411-035	Release number:	
Effective date:	Upon Transmittal Release	Expiration date:	
References:			
Web address:	https://www.oregon.gov/DHS/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/SPPD/APDRules/411-035.pdf		

Discussion/interpretation:

This transmittal provides updates about several issues related to Emergency Response Systems (ERS).

As a reminder, two types of ERS services are available:

- Basic
- Enhanced

Basic ERS involves a button or bracelet that maintains a signal via use of the consumer's telephone (either landline or cell) and triggers a call to an emergency response center when the button is activated indicating help is needed.

Enhanced ERS includes the basic service mentioned above and additional options such as a fall detector or a medication reminder / dispenser.

Eligibility of ERS and State Plan Personal Care (SPPC):

SPPC consumers are eligible for ERS basic service only if the case manager determines it is appropriate for the individual. SPPC consumers are not eligible for ERS enhanced services.

Eligibility of ERS without SPPC or LTSS (medical only)

APD staff may not authorize ERS services if the consumer only receives medical benefits. In some cases, the Supplemental Communication Allowance special need rule ([OAR 461-155-0680](#)) is used to authorize ERS for consumers not receiving SPPC or LTSS. However, this rule only allows a monthly payment of up to \$25 dollars a month for eligible consumers.

The Supplemental Communication Allowance is a Medical Related Payment (MRP) issued from the ONE system. It does not allow ERS to be authorized in MMIS.

Eligibility of ERS and OPI-M:

When launched, OPI-M consumers will be eligible for ERS basic and enhanced services.

New Prior Authorization Form:

Included with this transmittal is a new prior authorization form specific to ERS for consumers served by APD. Please begin using the new form immediately. If opened in Adobe Reader, the form will have full functionality, but it may be opened in a browser as well. The form will be posted on the Case Management Tools website on the [ERS](#) page and will eventually be posted on the Forms Server.

Instructions for preauthorizing ERS services will also be posted on the ERS page.

Discontinuing ERS Services: When a consumer moves into a facility, passes away, or loses SPPC or LTSS eligibility, please advise the ERS provider promptly so they may pick up their equipment. If equipment is lost before the ERS provider is aware of the changes with the individual, it results in a financial loss to the provider.

Local/branch action required: Share with local staff who work with ERS

Central office action required:

Field/stakeholder review: Yes

If yes, reviewed by: Operations Review

Filing instructions:

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

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