

# Policy Transmittal Aging and People with Disabilities



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**Issue date:** 8/16/2024

**Topic:** Provider Information

**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                        |   |

<b>Policy/rule title:</b>	Cannabis acquisition and administration in long-term care settings		
<b>Policy/rule number(s):</b>		<b>Release number:</b>	
<b>Effective date:</b>		<b>Expiration date:</b>	
<b>References:</b>			
<b>Web address:</b>			

**Discussion/interpretation:**

This policy transmittal is intended to give clarification for Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) long-term care facilities providing care to individuals who may choose to consume medical or recreational cannabis products. Although products containing cannabis are legal in Oregon, they are illegal at the federal level. ODHS APD services are funded with federal dollars which cannot be used in the acquisition or administration of any federally illegal product including cannabis.

Because products containing cannabis are legal in Oregon, APD providers may allow the products to be stored and used on site following the same protocols for other controlled substances including safe storage standards. APD providers who do allow for the use and storage of cannabis products must maintain policies outlining how residents may use and store cannabis and clarifying that no assistance can be provided in the acquisition or administration of the cannabis product. Acquisition may not include any Activities of Daily Living (ADL) or Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL) supports to plan for, budget for, travel to or shop for any product containing cannabis. Application may not include any ADL or IADL supports to prepare, dose, apply or deliver any product containing cannabis.

**Implementation/transition instructions:** Review and discussion with local licensing staff and providers.

**Training/communication plan:** Managers will ensure the information contained in this policy is conveyed to all providers in these settings.

**Local/branch action required:** Review and follow-up with SOQ Policy as questions arise.

**Central office action required:** File and offer additional support and guidance as needed.

**Field/stakeholder review:**  Yes  No

**If yes, reviewed by:** APD Policy Team

**Filing instructions:** file as per APD policy

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