

Information Memorandum Transmittal Developmental Disabilities Services



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Topic: Developmental Disabilities

Due date:

Subject: Health Care Decision Making PDF's Available on The ODHS/ODDS Worker Guide Website

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| ☐ All DHS employees | ☐ County Mental Health Directors |
| ☐ Area Agencies on Aging: {Select type} | ☐ Health Services |
| ☐ Aging and People with Disabilities | ☒ Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| ☐ Self Sufficiency Programs | ☒ ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services |
| ☒ County DD program managers | ☐ Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| ☒ Support Service Brokerage Directors | ☒ Other (<i>please specify</i>): Case managers |
| ☒ ODDS Children's Residential Services | |
| ☐ Child Welfare Programs | |

Message:

The ISP team appointed Health Care Advocate live webinar training is now available on demand on Workday at the link below.

<https://wd5.myworkday.com/oregon/learning/course/3f50b3f8693510015c0afebc8bf9000?type=9882927d138b100019b928e75843018d>

To further assist case managers and ISP teams, four PDFs covering health care decision making, available in the Workday training, have now been posted to the ODDS/ODHS Worker Guides Webpage. The intent is for community knowledge and to provide case managers, ISP team members, family members, individuals, and community members online resources for health care decision making and end of life decisions.

Guide to Supporting Individual Preferences in Medical Decision Making:

Information to help case managers support families and caregivers navigate difficult conversations about medical care and end-of-life choices. Includes guidance for individuals and case management about advance directives, POLST, ISP team appointed HCAs and withdrawing or withholding life sustaining treatments.

<https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/providers-partners/idd/workerguides/wg-supporting-medical-decisions.pdf>

End of Life Guidance:

Information to help case managers support families and caregivers navigate difficult conversations about medical care and end-of-life choices.

<https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/providers-partners/idd/workerguides/end-of-life-guidance.pdf>

Facts about the Oregon POLST:

Information about Portable Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST), its purpose, appropriate use for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities and what information a POLST can provide.

<https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/providers-partners/idd/workerguides/fact-sheet-polst.pdf>

Required Notification Before Withholding or Withdrawing Life-Sustaining Treatment:

Information about required notification to ODHS or case managers when life sustaining treatments are going to be withheld or withdrawn from people with intellectual or developmental disabilities and the decision is being made by a hospital, attending physician or Health Care Representative appointed by a health care provider.

<https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/providers-partners/idd/workerguides/fact-sheet-life-sustaining-treatment-notification.pdf>

Communication/training:

This transmittal will be discussed during the next Monthly Transmittal Review. Please send questions in advance to ODDS.Questions@odhsosha.oregon.gov.

The Monthly Transmittal Reviews are held the second Wednesday of every month at 2 pm using the Zoom platform. Please register in advance for these meetings:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlsc-qvqD8iGURx5OQk8TAdIS6Arg9ZAf4>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing an appointment and information about joining the meeting. American Sign Language (ASL) and live captioning will be provided. To request other accommodations or languages, please send an email to ODDS.Questions@odhs.oregon.gov at least three business days prior to the meeting.

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