

# Transmittal



## Oregon Eligibility Partnership

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**Transmittal #:** OEP-PT-24-010

**Subject/Topic:** TA-DVS Eligibility and Payment Changes: April 1, 2024

**Primary Audience:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eligibility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leadership
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family Coach	<input type="checkbox"/> LTSS Case Management
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

**Effective Date:** 4/1/2024

**Transmittal Type:** Policy

**Impacted Area(s):**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New/Updated Policy/Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Policy Clarification
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**Reference Material(s):** OARs [461-135-1200](#), [461-135-1230](#)

**Summary: Effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**, two Temporary Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivor (TA-DVS) program Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) supporting eligibility and payments have been updated to:

- Align with current agency practice
- Have more inclusive and person-centered language
- Add a waiver for individuals on strike
- Allow payments for damaged or stolen furniture, computers, internet, and vehicle payments.

**Details:**

**OAR [461-135-1200](#) Specific Requirements; TA-DVS** has notable changes to align with current process as follows:

- Adds a non-financial eligibility waiver to allow parents or caretaker relatives who are a striker (per OAR [461-130-0328](#)) to be eligible for TA-DVS.
  - Apply the waiver in the OregONEligibility (ONE) system on the **Non-Financial Information** screen by navigating to the **Eligibility Waiver** screen and applying the 'Individual on strike restriction is waived' eligibility waiver.
- Income is not counted in the budget month when the individual:
  - Has already spent the money, does not have access, or cannot access independently from the abuser; or
  - Needs the money for expenses necessary to flee; or
  - Needs the money for anticipated budget month expenses including but not limited to rent or mortgage, utilities, childcare, medical, food, telephone, or transportation costs.

**Note:** This discontinues the form DHS 1542 and removes reference to it in OAR making financial eligibility dependent on expenses listed above.

- Removes process language around signature collection. A signature for TA-DVS can still be provided on an Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) approved application as a hardcopy signature or using the call center software to collect a verbal signature. There are no electronic signatures allowed.

**OAR [461-135-1230](#) Benefits; TA-DVS** has notable updates as follows:

- Allows for purchase of furniture that was damaged or stolen as a result of domestic violence, rather than only when left behind while fleeing.
- Allows for vehicle payments (such as car, RV, or travel trailer) where these were previously non-allowable.

**Note:** The need for payment must be in alignment with the survivor's safety plan, cannot be considered an ongoing expense, and cannot be for purchase of these items outright.

**Example:** *A survivor and their children are currently living in their RV in a family member's driveway while looking for permanent stable housing. Their safety plan is to continue staying in the RV while looking for permanent stable housing. On 4/01/24, the survivor requests a March RV payment of \$350 that was due 3/15/24 and is now past due. The survivor was unable to pay the March RV payment as the abuser continues to harass the survivor at work, and they had to leave multiple times resulting in lower pay in March. The family coach approves a one-time past due RV payment in the amount of \$350 and discusses a plan with the survivor for ongoing costs.*

- Allows for purchase of computer or internet service that was previously non-allowable.

**Note:** The need for payment must be in alignment with the survivor’s safety plan and cannot be considered an ongoing expense

**Example:** *A survivor and their children have been able to get into stable housing through the support of a community resource. Their safety plan includes relocation and added safety features on the new residence, including cameras and an added slide lock on the front and back doors. The survivor makes a payment request for initial month and set up fees for the internet service of \$150 which is needed to monitor the cameras. The family coach approves payment for initial set up and first month of internet costs and discusses a plan with the survivor for ongoing costs.*

- Aligning with current policy and practice, makes rule clearer that TA-DVS payments may not benefit the abuser.

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**Questions?**

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