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To: HSD Adult Foster Home Licensees

Community Mental Health Programs

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Subject: Rate and Wage Survey DEADLINE EXTENDED

The Rate and Wage survey deadline for completion has been extended through March 29, 2024, to increase participation by Adult Foster Home providers. Survey forms and materials are located on the Rate & Wage Survey Information Page.

Your participation in the survey is crucial. We understand that the survey will take a significant time commitment and would not make this request if it weren't an essential step in an important process. This step involves gathering sufficient data on the costs to provide care to conduct thorough analysis to ultimately advocate for rate increases for providers during the 2025 Legislative Session. Your feedback is a crucial step in ensuring you are paid fairly for the important services you provide. Low survey participation could signal to the legislature that current rates are adequate.

Background information regarding the Rate and Wage study is contained in this <u>AFH</u> Wage Study.

This survey is will not be used for:

- Licensing decisions and/or compliance
- Corrective action
- Rate compliance or exception requests

Your responses are confidential and will not be provided to any APD or OHA staff person. Burns & Associates will provide the state with analysis and recommendations based on the combined information provided by all AFHs.

The leadership teams representing Oregon Department of Human Services and Oregon Health Authority thank everyone who supports the success of this research. If you have not yet completed the survey, please set aside time to provide us this valuable information by March 29, 2024.

If you have questions, please contact <u>regan.sheeley@odhs.oregon.gov.</u>