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TO: Interested Parties

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Maternal and Child Health Section

Oral Health Program

RE: Notice of Proposed Permanent Rulemaking – OAR chapter 333, division

10 - "Dental Pilot Project Program"

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The Oregon Health Authority (Authority), Public Health Division, Oral Health Program is proposing to permanently amend administrative rules in chapter 333, division 10 "Dental Pilot Projects" to clarify the rules so that they are in alignment with statutory authority under Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) Chapter 716, Oregon Laws 2011. The statute states that "The authority may approve a pilot project that is designed to: (a) Operate for three to five years or a sufficient amount of time to evaluate the validity of the pilot project." Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-010-0750 states that projects may operate "from between three to five years." Clarification to the rule is needed so that dental pilot projects who require additional time to evaluate the validity of their pilot project may apply to the Authority for an extension of their approved timeline.

Previously approved dental pilot projects and any new approved dental pilot project are not required to extend the length of time their pilot projects are operating. If a pilot project wants to extend the length of time their project is allowed to operate, then they will be required to submit a request to modify their project and must receive approval from the Authority. All dental pilot projects are self-funded and may incur additional costs to continue to operate if they extend the length of time for their pilot project.

You are being invited to review and comment on the proposed amended rules. The Authority will only be accepting written comments.

Please submit written comments before **5:00 p.m. on September 21, 2020** by submitting them to the Public Health Division Rules Coordinator at the following address:

OHA, Public Health Division Heather Owens, Administrative Rules Coordinator 800 NE Oregon Street, Suite 930 Portland, Oregon 97232 E-mail comments to: <a href="mailto:publichealth.rules@state.or.us">publichealth.rules@state.or.us</a>
You may also send comments by fax to (971) 673-1299.

Amended rules will be filed after consideration of all comments to be effective on October 5, 2020.

For more details, please see the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Statement of Need and Fiscal Impact, and the full text of the proposed rules at the following website: <a href="http://www.healthoregon.org/dpp">http://www.healthoregon.org/dpp</a>.

If you have questions or would like a paper copy of any of the documents referenced above, please contact Sarah Kowalski at 971-673-1563 or <a href="mailto:sarah.e.kowalski@dhsoha.state.or.us">sarah.e.kowalski@dhsoha.state.or.us</a>. Thank you for your continued support.