Fact Sheet - Shared Bedroom or Living Unit (Choice of Roommate)
Authority: 42 CFR 441.530(a)(1)(vi)(B)(2), 42 CFR 441.710(a)(1)(vi)(B)(2), &
42 CFR 441.301(c)(4)(vi)(B)(2)

In a provider-owned, controlled, or operated residential setting:
There are new Federal Medicaid rules. These rules are about Home and
Community-Based Services (HCBS) and settings.   Under the new rules, if you
share your bedrooms or living unit you have a choice of roommate(s).

In Oregon This Means:
When you share a room, you have a choice of who your roommate is. You do
not have to accept a roommate that has been chosen for you. You also have the
right to request a new roommate.

For all provider-owned, controlled, or operated residential settings:

- Providers are not required to have only private rooms.
- Providers are not required to convert shared rooms to private rooms.
- Providers will work with you and follow any rules developed when filling a
  shared room vacancy.
- You have the right and a method to request a new roommate.
- You will have an opportunity to meet potential roommates.

If you want a new roommate, you have options. You may stay with your current
roommate until there is another person available. You may choose to move to
another setting. If you share a bedroom and continually reject roommates you
might be interested in exploring other living options, including a private room.

There may be times that your assessed needs provide reasons to consider some
limits when sharing a room and about your choice of roommates. Limits will not
be used without your (or your legal representative's) informed consent. Limits will
only be used when there is a health or safety risk.

The federal rules allow for a transition period for states to fully comply with the
new rules. For additional fact sheets or more information regarding the Oregon
HCBS Transition Plan, please visit the link below.

http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/seniors-disabilities/HCBS/Pages/Transition-Plan.aspx