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**Number:** CW-IM-09-030

**Issue Date:** 12/15/2009

**Topic:** Other

**Subject:** Instructions for requesting payment for driver's education course for teens in substitute care.

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees                        | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors and People with Disabilities   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes, and community partners |

**Message:**

DHS is partnering with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to assist teens in substitute care obtain driver's education training prior to receiving their driver's license. This partnership will allow teens in foster care to enroll for an important course that has been proven to save lives and minimize accidents for teens. ODOT will be reimbursing DHS for the cost of an approved driver's education course.

Please follow your District's protocol to obtain permission for a teen in foster care to obtain a driver's permit, take the driver's education course and become a licensed driver (see policy [I-B.1.4, Guardian and Legal Custodian Consents](#)). Once a youth is approved to obtain their driver's permit and license, the youth should be informed of the importance of driver's education.

[Click here](#) for information regarding youth eligibility, accessing funds, and additional details that will need to be reported once the youth completes the driver's education course. This program is being implemented retroactive to July 1, 2009.

*If you have any questions about this information, contact:*

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