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Topic: Adoptions

Subject: Clarification on Adoption by Current Caregivers

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> | County Mental Health Directors |
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Message:

A change was made to ORS 419B.116 regarding Intervention and caregiver relationships. The definition of "caregiver relationship" for a nonrelated foster parent for purposes of that statute was changed to be a relationship that has continued for a period of at least 12 consecutive months.

OAR 413-120-0500/0550 Current Caretaker Adoption Planning allows for a child's foster parent to be considered for adoption selection once the child has been in that home consecutively for six months or longer. **This six month placement requirement has not changed.** Notification will be provided by future IM if this six month placement requirement changes.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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