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Topic: Adoptions

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New Policy
 Policy Change
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Applies to (check all that apply):

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Policy/Rule Title:	Independent Adoptions - Oregon Administrative Rules		
Policy/Rule Number(s):	I-G.4	Release No:	
Effective Date:	1/01/2006	Expiration:	6/30/06
References:	SB 973 (Or. Laws.2005 ch.475)		
Web Address:	http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/manual_1/i-g4.pdf		

Discussion/Interpretation: These independent Adoption rules need to be updated for consistency with Senate Bill (SB) 973 (Or. Laws.2005 ch.475). OAR 413-140-0010 is being amended to add a definition of the term “incapacitated” and OAR 413-140-0030 is being amended to add the new statutory requirements that specify on whom a petitioner must serve a copy of a petition for the adoption of a minor child.

Implementation/Transition Instructions: The new legal requirements for adoption have an effective date of 1/1/2006.

Training/Communication Plan: This policy transmittal provides formal announcement of the new legal requirements. A written notice was sent to Adoption attorneys and private adoption agencies prior to the effective date of SB 973.

Local/Branch Action Required: No specific action is required of local offices.

Central Office Action Required: The Independent Adoptions Specialist at the Central Office, who carries out DHS oversight responsibility for private adoptions in Oregon, will monitor compliance with the new requirements when reviewing private (independent) adoption petitions.

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

Filing Instructions: No paper copies are distributed for filing. A copy of the temporary rules can be accessed at the DHS web site:

http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/cross_index.htm/

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