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**Number:** CW\_PT\_06\_022  
**Issue Date:** 07/18/2006

**Topic:** Adoptions

**Transmitting (check the box that best applies):**

- New Policy   
  Policy Change   
  Policy Clarification   
  Executive Letter  
 Administrative Rule   
  Manual Update   
  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**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): Adoption Attorneys and Private Adoption Agencies |

Policy/Rule Title:	Independent Adoptions - Oregon Administrative Rules		
Policy/Rule Number(s):	I-G.4, OAR 413-040-0000 thru 0140	Release No:	
Effective Date:	7/01/2006	Expiration:	
References:	SB 973 (Or. Laws.2005 ch.475)		
Web Address:	<a href="http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/manual_1/i-g4.pdf">http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/manual_1/i-g4.pdf</a>		

**Discussion/Interpretation:** Certain sections of the rule have been amended, adopted, renumbered and amended, or repealed. Further, the rule revisions clarified the role of DHS in private or independent adoptions; increased the home study fee permitted for independent home studies, from “not exceeding \$794” to “may not exceed \$1,500; included the existing fee (\$675) for a placement report for an independent adoption; revised contents for clarity and coherence; corrected erroneous statutory and regulatory citations; and, lastly, made permanent the temporary rule changes adopted on 1/1/2006.

**Implementation/Transition Instructions:** This rule takes effect on 7/1/2006.

**Training/Communication Plan:** This policy transmittal provides formal announcement that the final rule is now in effect. A written notice has been sent to adoption attorneys and private adoption agencies.

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

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**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 permanent rule(s) when reviewing private (independent) adoption petitions.

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**Field/Stakeholder review:**     Yes     No

**If yes, reviewed by:**

**Filing Instructions:** No paper copies are distributed for filing

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