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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):

- All DHS employees
- Area Agencies on Aging
- Children, Adults and Families
- County DD Program Managers
- County Mental Health Directors
- Health Services
- Seniors and People with Disabilities
- Other (please specify): _____

Policy/Rule Title:	Introduction to CPS Rules, Screening, Cross Reporting, CPS Assessment, CPS Assessment Dispositions, Access to LEDS in Local Child Welfare Offices, Monitoring Child Safety, Voluntary Placement Agreement, Voluntary Custody Agreement, Family Support Services, Developing and Managing the Case Plan, Placement Matching, Visits and Other Types of Family Contact, Narrative Recording, Certification Standards for Foster Parents, Relative Caregivers & Pre-Adoptive Parents Department Responsibilities for Certification and Supervision of Relative Caregivers, Foster Parents and Pre- Adoptive Parents
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Discussion/Interpretation: These rules have been changed due to recommendations resulting from the Governor’s request for a review of Oregon’s child welfare system by the National Resource Center for Child Protective Services (NRCCPS). These rules implement the Oregon safety model into child welfare practice, guide child welfare caseworkers and supervisory staff in consistent practice statewide and detail the actions and assessments previously assumed to be known by a child welfare caseworker.

In summary, the changes assure a focus on child safety throughout the life of a child welfare case, refine parts of existing processes, and use clear and consistent language with an objective to achieve more consistent practice statewide.

The CPS rule sets were reorganized to include within the CPS assessment rule all activities required by the CPS worker. This reorganization resulted in repeal some of the rule sets.

Services of the Department were clearly delineated between services to protect a child resulting from an allegation of child abuse or neglect and services the Department provides for a family eligible for one or more specific services, including Voluntary Placement and Voluntary Custody Agreements.

Case Management rule sets were revised to guide caseworkers and supervisory staff in developing and managing case plans, monitoring child safety when the child is in home and when in substitute care, placement matching, and developing visitation and contact plans for a child in substitute care.

Certification standards were reorganized to detail Certification Standards expected of a

relative caregiver, foster parent or pre-adoptive parent, and Department responsibilities for certification of relative caregivers, foster parents, and pre-adoptive parents.

Implementation/Transition Instructions: The final rules were posted prior to the effective date in order for child welfare casework staff to become familiar with rule revisions. Informational Memos were posted during the week of March 12, 2007 providing instructions on transition to new rules.

Training/Communication Plan: All child welfare staff statewide were trained through video presentations during the week of March 12.

Local/Branch Action Required: All staff should review and become familiar with the new rule sets.

Central Office Action Required: Central Office staff will provide ongoing consultation to branch offices on the implementation of new rule sets.

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by: All rule sets were available for public comment, were scheduled for public hearings, and a series of meetings with community partners was scheduled in December 2006, and January 2007.

Filing Instructions:

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