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Topic: Foster Care

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

Policy/Rule Title:	Maintenance and Treatment Payments Title IV-E Foster Care and General Assistance Family Group Home Standards		
Policy/Rule Number(s):	I-E.5.1 I-E.6.1 II-B.2	Release No:	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2008	Expiration:	N/A
References:	418.005		
Web Address:	http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/manual_1/i-e51.pdf http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/manual_1/i-e61.pdf http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/manual_2/ii-b2.pdf		

Discussion/Interpretation:

OAR 413-090-0010 is being amended to incorporate the foster care reimbursement rates approved by the 2007 legislature. This rule is also being amended to implement ORS 418.625(3)(as amended by SB 282, 2007 Oregon Laws Chapter 801) by adding relative caregivers to those eligible to receive a maintenance and treatment payment.

OAR 413-100-0040 is being suspended to implement ORS 418.625(3) as amended by SB 282 which changed the definition of foster home to include relative caregivers. This change requires the Department to eliminate language that states a relative caregiver does not receive a foster care reimbursement if the child they are caretaking for is not Title IV-E eligible.

OAR 413-200-0210 about family group homes serving children and young adults in Child Welfare custody is being amended to identify additional rules that are used in conjunction with the rules pertaining to family group homes.

OAR 413-200-0220 about requirements for family group homes is being amended to correct a mistake in the text about caregiver to child ratios in homes certified by the Department. This rule is being corrected to match the four-to-one caregiver to child ratio in OAR 413-200-0348. OAR 413-200-0220 is also being amended to correct the definition of one term to match its usage in the family group home rules.

Implementation/Transition Instructions:

Training/Communication Plan: Rule revisions were explained at Child Welfare Program Managers and District Managers meetings; Legislative Road Show; and Supervisor quarterlies. Letters are being sent to relative caregivers regarding the change in payment.

Local/Branch Action Required: All child welfare staff should review and become familiar with the rule revisions.

Central Office Action Required: Central Office staff will provide ongoing consultation to branch offices on the implementation of these rules.

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

Filing Instructions:

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

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