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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):

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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 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |

Policy/Rule Title:	I-E.3.6.2 Guardianship Assistance		
Policy/Rule Number(s):	OAR 413-070-0900 thru 413-070-0982	Release No:	
Effective Date:	07/01/2009	Expiration:	
References:			
Web Address:	http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/manual_1/i-e362temp.pdf		

Discussion/Interpretation:

These rules have been amended to conform with Department terminology and to update considerations in determining guardianship as a child's permanency plan and to determine Guardianship Assistance payments. Other significant amendments to these rules are listed below.

413-070-0915 describes guardianship assistance eligibility requirements.

413-070-0920 describes Department responsibilities in determining guardianship as the child's permanency plan.

413-070-0925 describes Department parameters for approving guardianship assistance.

413-070-0930 describes Department requirements and limitations of guardianship assistance payments to incorporate parameters of foster care rate redesign in guardianship assistance agreements and to comply with federal requirements in determination of guardianship assistance payments.

413-070 0945 describes Department requirements for annual review of eligibility for guardianship assistance and the guardian’s reporting requirements.

Implementation/Transition Instructions: Please contact the Guardianship Assistance Coordinators with questions or clarifications.

Training/Communication Plan: Changes in the foster care rate redesign have been presented throughout the state over the past several months. Guardianship Coordinators will provide additional training and consultation if needed.

Local/Branch Action Required: Review and implement the administrative rules. All casework staff involved in permanency planning should be aware of the responsibilities in selecting guardianship as a permanency plan, and eligibility and approval requirements for guardianship assistance.

Central Office Action Required: Convene the Rule Advisory Committee, and schedule Policy Council review. Provide consultation and training as needed and requested.

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

Filing Instructions:

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

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