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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):

- 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:	I-G.3.1 Adoption Assistance		
Policy/Rule Number(s):	OAR 413-130-0000 thru 413-130-0130	Release No:	
Effective Date:	07/01/2009	Expiration:	
References:			
Web Address:	http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/manual_1/i-g31.pdf		

Discussion/Interpretation: These rules have been amended to conform with Department terminology and to update considerations in determining Adoption Assistance payments. Significant amendments to these rules are listed below.

413-070-0045 describes the Department's responsibility in determination of a child's immigrant status for the purpose of eligibility for Adoption Assistance payments.

413-130-0070 describes the Department's responsibility in determination of a child's Adoption Assistance payments, including consideration of CANS screening results, effective September 1, 2009.

413-130-0075 describes the Department's responsibility and parameters in renegotiation of a child's Adoption Assistance payment including consideration of the results of a CANS screening.

Implementation/Transition Instructions: Please contact the Adoption Assistance Coordinator, the Adoption Specialist or the Legal Assistance Specialists 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. Legal Assistance Specialists, the Adoption Specialist or the Adoption Assistance Coordinator will provide additional training and consultation if needed.

Local/Branch Action Required: Review and implement the administrative rules. All casework staff involved in adoption planning should be aware of the responsibilities of negotiation of the adoption assistance agreement.

Central Office Action Required: Convene a 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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