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Topic: Other

Subject: Change in Motor Vehicle Rule

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> | County Mental Health Directors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Area Agencies on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> | Health Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Children, Adults and Families | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Seniors and People with Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | County DD Program Managers | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (please specify): |

Message:

We are sending this clarification because there has been some confusion about the motor vehicle rule (OAR 461-145-0360) that was changed October 1, 2006. The rule now aligns the policy for FS, MAA, MAF, SAC, REF and TANF.

The amended rule allows us to exclude up to \$10,000 of the combined equity value of all licensed or unlicensed vehicles. This exclusion includes all vehicles.

To determine the equity value of the vehicles, take the fair market value of the car and deduct any amount the client owes. For example, a client reports two vehicles: a 2000 Chrysler van valued at \$3750 that the client has paid off, and a 1998 Honda Accord valued at \$6950 with \$3000 still owing. The van has equity value of \$3750 and the Accord is \$3950 for a total equity value of \$7700. This client would not have any of this count towards their resource limit because it is below \$10,000. Refer to Counting Client Assets, Section A.3 for determining the fair market value of vehicles.

The Family Services Manual will be updated with these changes in January for the TANF and Medical programs.

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