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Topic: Other

Subject: Change in State Minimum Wage

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: The State minimum wage will increase effective January 1, 2007. This is an annual change and impacts the redeterminations, recertifications, Interim Change Report (DHS 852) and APR decisions being made in December 2006 for January 2007 benefits.

The State minimum wage will increase to \$7.80 an hour effective January 1, 2007. This will impact those employed clients who are earning less than \$7.80 an hour.

It is not possible to identify those clients who will be impacted by this change in the minimum wage through our computer system. Therefore, the computer is not able to automatically update the income for the CM or FS systems.

For the ERDC, FS, OHP, TANF, MAA and MAF programs, clients are not required to report the annual change in Oregon's minimum wage. FS clients using SRS are required to report the change only when the combined household income exceeds the countable income limit. However for other program benefits, clients are required to report the change in rate of pay, including the annual change in state minimum wage within 10-days.

The wage verification provided by clients may show the \$7.50 rate and not provide the new rate of \$7.80. **To assure the correct income is anticipated for January and February, please use \$7.80 per hour to determine the new income amount for clients earning less than \$7.80 an hour in December (for any case not in Monthly Reporting). Apply the new rate with the next redetermination or recertification unless the change is reported by the client or an action is taken prior to the**

redetermination or recertification that requires the agency to review the income.

For FS cases using SRS, the next action may be when the Interim Change report is processed.

For ERDC, cases in which the number of child care hours are determined by dividing the earned income by the minimum wage, begin using \$7.80 at the next APR.

For ERDC, FS, TANF, MAA and MAF using APR or CRS report systems, there is no overpayment for failure to report the change in state minimum wage to \$7.80 an hour.

In all other programs, clients may have an overpayment for failure to report a required change within the appropriate time frames.

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