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Topic: Agency-wide Policy

Subject: Increase in Federal Minimum Wage; FS and JOBS

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: On July 24, the federal minimum wage increased from \$5.85 to \$6.55 an hour.

Food Stamps: Some FS policies on students and OFSET exemptions are tied to work hours or the equivalent earned income at the federal minimum wage.

Beginning August 1, please use the new amounts when determining FS eligibility as follows:

- Self-employed students must work at least 20 hours a week and earn a minimum of \$1,126.60 SEC or \$563.30 SEN monthly to meet student criteria.
- Full-time work for an OFSET exemption (30 hrs/week at the federal minimum wage) equals \$844.95 a month. This is approximately 24.7 hrs/week at the Oregon minimum wage of \$7.95.

Apply these figures, when appropriate, to new certs, recerts, and when income changes are reported. Policy and examples in FS D will be revised effective October 1 to reflect the new amounts.

JOBS Attendance: The federal minimum wage also affects the calculation of JOBS attendance hours for self-employed clients enrolled in Post TANF (WO), Micro-Enterprise (MI) or regular self employment (UN).

The self-employment calculation is: Net Income ÷ Federal Minimum Wage (\$6.55) = JOBS Attendance Hours.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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