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Topic: Cash Payments

Subject: Verification of Qualified Noncitizen Status for "Battery and Subjected to Extreme Cruelty"

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 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors and People with Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): TANF & ERDC |

Message: The purpose of the IM is to clarify needed documentation and other information required for individuals that are self-petitioning under the *Violence Against Women's Act* (VAWA) because they have been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty to be eligible for TANF and ERDC. This IM does not change OAR 461-120-0125 (1)(h), but it does provide clarification of the process needed to meet requirements of the rule.

For TANF and ERDC being a qualified noncitizen alone meets alien status eligibility requirements. To qualify for Food Stamps and Medical, there are additional eligibility requirements that must be met besides meeting qualified noncitizen status.

The following links include sample copies of the documents that show there is an establishment/extension of a Prima Facie case under this qualified noncitizen category. The FSM will updated with this new information on March 1, 2009.

To view the acceptable verification:

<http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/selfsufficiency/publications/ss-im-09-011-attachment.pdf>

To view the pages of Form 797:

<http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/selfsufficiency/publications/ss-im-09-011-797-1.pdf>

<http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/selfsufficiency/publications/ss-im-09-011-797-2.pdf>

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