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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 will increase from \$6.55 to \$7.25 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 July 24 for new applications and August 1 for recerts, 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 \$1,147 SEC or \$623.50 SEN monthly to meet student criteria.
- Full-time work for an OFSET exemption (30 hrs/week at the federal minimum wage) equals \$935.25 a month. This is approximately 26 hrs/week at the Oregon minimum wage of \$8.40.

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 July 24 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 and regular self employment (WO) & Micro-Enterprise (MI).

The self employment calculation is: Net Income ÷ Federal Minimum Wage (\$7.25) = JOBS Attendance Hours.

Beginning August 1st, use the self-employment calculation with the new federal minimum wage for NEW WO & MI participants.

For current WO and MI participants, use the self-employment calculation with the new federal minimum wage when new work hours are reported, such as at the end of a current PT1.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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