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Topic: Cash Payments

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New Policy
 Policy Change
 Policy Clarification
 Executive Letter
 Administrative Rule
 Manual Update
 Other: _____

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): SSP TANF Managers and staff responsible for TANF eligibility |

Policy/Rule Title:	OAR: Deprivation Based on Unemployment or Underemployment of the Primary Wage Earner (PWE); TANF		
Policy/Rule Number(s):	Rule: OAR 461-125-0170	Release No:	
Effective Date:	August 1, 2009	Expiration:	Indefinite
References:			
Web Address:	OAR 461-125-0170		

Discussion/Interpretation:

As a result of recent legislation, changes were made to OAR [461-135-0070](#) (Specific Requirements; MAA, MAF, and TANF) to include a requirement that a caretaker relative in the need group not be separated from their most recent employment for reasons which would result in a denial of unemployment compensation (UC) in Oregon. OAR [461-125-0170](#) is being amended to make the language, definition and intent consistent with OAR [461-135-0070](#).

This amendment does **not** change the TANF eligibility requirement for two-parent families that an unemployed primary wage earner (PWE) has not left their *most recent employment* that would deny them unemployment compensation benefits in Oregon.

The amendment:

- Made minor changes to the definition of “most recent employment”;
- Added UC denial reasons which apply to this rule; and
- Added provisions for exempting Parents as Scholars (PAS) participants from the requirements of the rule.

This rule applies to:

- All applicants where TANF eligibility is being considered;
- Families re-establishing eligibility through TANF re-determinations. It will apply to those families doing a re-certification;
- Situations when a parent re-joins the household and deprivation must be established.

Implementation/Transition Instructions:

Use the rule to establish eligibility for TANF:

- At the initial application;
- At the time of re-determination; or
- In situations when a parent re-joins the household and deprivation must be established.

Training/Communication Plan: The changes are being incorporated into existing training for self-sufficiency staff.

Local/Branch Action Required: Local manager’s to review with staff. Use amended rule to make eligibility determinations for applicants and recipients at the time of re-determination or in situations when deprivation must be determined.

Central Office Action Required: Amended OAR [461-125-0170](#)

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

Filing Instructions:

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