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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

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TO: SDSD District and Unit Managers
Area Agency on Aging Directors

SUBJECT: Employed Persons with Disabilities Program

INFORMATION: Recently Oregon ACCESS released the new Case Model which eliminated multiple data entry points for similar types of information. This change eliminated the Employment Initiative (EI) Module and folded it into the Case Module with an EI section. This change also eliminated the automatic connection between EI and the Employed Persons with Disabilities (EPD) program. Previously, all EPD clients were considered EI clients regardless of whether or not they were receiving EI services. From now on, EPD clients will only be EI clients if they are actually receiving an EI service. EPD clients will be identified by having an EPD Start Date on the EPD Tab in the Financial Section.

This change will help emphasize the fact that EI Specialists focus only on EI services and will also allow Eligibility Workers and Case Managers easier access to the EPD information on ACCESS. EPD should be viewed as an OSIP-related Medicaid benefit program, not an activity of the Employment Initiative. Please refer to IM-00-09 for more information.

*Reminder: Please be sure that all EPD cases are coded correctly on CMS. They must have the **EPD case descriptor** and all earnings should be coded with the **EEI resource code**.*

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