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Topic: Foster Care

Subject: Electronic Cigarette Usage in APD Adult Foster Homes

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging
<input type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families
<input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seniors and People with Disabilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |
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Message: Currently, the use of smokeless, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) in adult foster homes is not prohibited by:

- The adult foster home administrative rules, OAR chapter 411, division 50;
- The 2010 Oregon Fire Code, Appendix L, Adult Foster Homes; or
- The Oregon Smokefree Workplace Law (Indoor Clean Air Act, ORS 433.835 to 433.875).

If licensed AFH providers choose to prohibit or limit the use of e-cigarettes in their adult foster homes, they must clearly identify any restrictions in the home’s approved house policies according to OAR 411-050-0444(8). For example, the licensee may indicate in the house policy, “The use of electronic (smokeless) cigarettes is not allowed in any bedroom.”

Licensees may choose to allow the use of e-cigarettes in their adult foster homes. They should document the resident’s preferences in the care plan, monitor the resident’s use for safety and document in the resident’s record as appropriate. (For example, if the resident’s goal is to stop smoking altogether, the licensee may track the resident’s progress in achieving this goal.)

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