

**Aging and People with Disabilities**

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**Topic:** Disability Determination

**Subject:** PMDDT's Expanded Field Approval Process

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees                             | <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging             | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):        |

**Message:** Beginning today, March 20, 2013, the Presumptive Medicaid Disability Determination Team (PMDDT) will expand our expedited "field" approval process. This expansion will occur in central office and will allow us to approve eligible clients' cases faster. PMDDT approvals issued under this new process will be effective for 6 months, or until we make a final determination.

This new process is reserved for clients who clearly meet our disability criteria based on a combination of their documented physical and/or mental health impairments, age, education and work experience.

Cases that are approved under this process will be stored separately awaiting a final determination. Field staff will not have additional responsibilities under this expansion, other than opening cases we approve through this process (assuming clients meet all other eligibility factors).

The following Oregon Access narration will be used for cases approved via this new process:

PMDDT: Presumptive Title XIX Benefits can be **field approved** to the Date of Request (*enter date*) based on the medical evidence in file. We will narrate further when a final decision is made, OARs 461-125-0370 & 410-120-1210. This has been approved by (*enter Manager or Policy Analyst name*). Branch office notified by phone.

*If you have any questions about this information, contact:*

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