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Topic: Medical Benefits

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New Policy
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Policy/Rule Title:	Lodger Income		
Policy/Rule Number(s):	OAR 461-145-0340	Release No:	
Effective Date:	July 1, 2006	Expiration:	
References:	20 CFR 416.1102 SSA POMS SI 00830.505 Rental Income		
Web Address:			

Discussion/Interpretation:

Policy related to the definition and treatment of lodger income for Medicaid has been aligned with the Food Stamp Program and federal regulations.

A lodger is now defined as a member of the household group who---

- (a) Is not a member of the filing group; and
- (b) Pays the filing group for room and board (food).

Lodger income is treated as self-employment income.

In the previous version of this rule, it was unclear what constituted a lodger payment.

Implementation/Transition Instructions: New applicants will be treated according to the new policy effective July 1, 2006. Cases that are currently coded with lodger income will be reviewed at redetermination.

Oregon ACCESS had less than 90 SPD/AAA cases coded with lodger income. In many of these situations, the individual was paying room only (not board) and therefore these payments would not be considered lodger income. In many of these situations, this income would be considered income from income producing property under OAR 461-145-0250.

Training/Communication Plan: None

Local/Branch Action Required: Implement policy as indicated in the new OAR. Apply to affected cases as instructed above. If it is necessary to close or reduce a current recipient, send a timely continuing benefit notice.

Central Office Action Required: Provide technical assistance.

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by: SPD Operations Committee

Filing Instructions:

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THIS RULE IS REVISED IN ITS ENTIRETY

~~(1) In the Food Stamp program:~~

~~(a) A lodger is a member of the household who pays the filing group for room and board and who is not a member of the filing group.~~

~~(b) Lodger income is the amount a lodger pays the filing group for room (rent) and board (meals).~~

~~(2) For all programs except Food Stamps:~~

~~(a) A lodger is a person living in the residence with but not a member of the household group.~~

~~(b) Lodger income is the flat monthly payment a person makes either directly or indirectly to the financial group to live with the financial group.~~

~~(3) Lodger income is treated as follows:~~

~~(a) For all programs except GA, GAM, OSIP, OSIPM, and QMB, it is self-employment income.~~

~~(b) For GA, GAM, OSIP, OSIPM, and QMB, it is excluded.~~

(1) A lodger is a member of the household group who---

(a) Is not a member of the filing group; and

(b) Pays the filing group for room and board.

(2) Lodger income is the amount a lodger pays the filing group for room (rent) and board (meals).

(3) Lodger income is self-employment income.

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Stats. Implemented: ORS 411.060, 411.816, 418.100