

OPI Power Hour

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OPI Information and Updates

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Topics today will include:

- Transmittals
- Provider Time Capture (PTC)
- Q&A

APD-IM-21-044 Adult Day Services Reopening

- AAA types: A & B
- For AAA's who utilize ADS as an authorized OPI service
- ADS may reopen on July 1, 2021 with approval
- Check with your local ADS contractors to confirm their reopening availability

APD-IM-21-047 Assistance with Housing and Utility Bills

- AAA types: A & B
- Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program may cover up to 12 months of rent or utility payments.
- Visit the website for more information:
<https://oerap.oregon.gov/orera/#/>

APD-IM-21-046 Provider Time Capture Communication

- AAA types: A & B
- PTC Orientation Flyer has been sent to consumers and providers.
- Zoom sessions will be offered from June 15-21 with multiple times throughout the day.
- Consumers and providers are encouraged to attend a session to learn about the upcoming changes.
- All sessions will offer the same information.
- Send any questions to:
PTCProject.Info@dhsosha.state.or.us

APD-AR-21-028 Provider Time Capture Project Training and Implementation Tasks

- AAA types: A & B
- Managers are being asked to update staff information for those who will be using OR PTC DCI.
- This includes new roles and permissions based on job duties.

Provider Time Capture: OR PTC DCI

- Pilot begins August 1, 2021 in Jefferson, Crook, Deschutes, Clatsop and Tillamook counties.
- Statewide begins on September 12, 2021.

Medical deductions: Medical transportation

Question: Can mileage to and from the doctor's office be used as a medical deduction?

Answer: Yes...with parameters.

Medical transportation continued

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All out-of-pocket health care costs may be deducted from the individual's annual gross income.

- Mileage to/from medical appointments would fall under medical transportation.
- We can also deduct payment that an individual makes for non-emergency medical transport.

Medical transportation continued

- If mileage is being used as a deduction, the rate would be 56 cents/mile based on the 2021 standard mileage rate.

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-issues-standard-mileage-rates-for-2021>

- The deduction should also be within reason. Case managers have the ability to request additional information before adding medical deductions if they feel like the amount is higher than the norm.

Medical transportation continued

For example, if a consumer is requesting \$50 a month in mileage and they live in a metro area, consider that this is close to 90 miles.

However, if they are driving themselves to dialysis 3 times a week, this could be a very realistic expense.

Medical transportation continued

- Another thing to keep in mind is to confirm the vehicle and driver. If the assessment comments state that a natural support is providing transportation, natural support implies that they are doing it without compensation.
- However, if the natural support is the driver and the vehicle is owned by the consumer who pays for all maintenance and upkeep of the vehicle, then mileage could be considered.



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General OPI Policy Questions

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