Oregon Project Independence

Monthly Power Hour

Meeting will begin at 2:05pm

OPI Power Hour 03/16/2023

OPI Information and Updates

Presenter:

Brandi Truitt,

OPI Program Analyst

brandi.n.truitt@dhsoha.state.or.us

ADRC
Aging and Disability Resource Connection of OREGON

Oregon Department of Human Services
AGING & PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Topics today include:

- PTC Reminders
- Case Management Conference 2023
- OPI Questions
  - Private Pay and OPI
- OPI-M/FCAP Update

PTC Reminder: Consumer Changes Programs

When a consumer changes programs and is working with the same provider, local office staff must inform the PTC support team when the service plan changes and new vouchers are created for the new program.

PTC Reminder: Consumer Changes Programs (continued)

1. Complete the normal process in Mainframe for creating a new ONGO and vouchers with the new service code.
2. Ensure there are no overlapping vouchers in Mainframe (i.e. the dates don't overlap from one voucher to the next).
3. Email PTC Support when a consumer and provider are still working together and have changed programs:

What information should be sent to PTC Support?
Subject: Consumer change in programs
Body of email:

- Consumer name and prime
- Provider name and provider number
- Previous program:
- End date of previous program:

PTC Reminder: Unlinking a Consumer and Provider

- Notify PTC Support when a consumer and provider are no longer working together.
- PTC Support will unlink the consumer and provider to ensure the provider is not claiming time they are not authorized for.
- When a consumer and provider stop working together, **the ONGO must be ended in Mainframe** to stop sending authorizations to OR PTC DCI. Unused authorizations and profiles result in inaccurate system information and the potential for fraud or security issues.

PTC Reminder: Unlinking a Consumer and Provider (continued)

What information should be sent to PTC Support?

Subject: Unlink Consumer and Provider

Body of email:

- Consumer name and prime number
- Provider name and 6-digit provider number
- Provider's last day worked
- Reason for unlinking (does not need to be a detailed explanation)
- Whether the profile(s) need to be inactivated (for example, if a consumer passed away or if a provider was permanently terminated)

PTC CEP Summit 2023

Tuesday 3/28/2023

1:30pm-5:00pm

OR

Wednesday 3/29/2023

8:30am-12:00pm

Registration is required and is available in Workday Learning.

APD-AR-23-005: Case Management Conference 2023

Registration is open for this event!

- Case managers and their supervisors are encouraged to attend.
- In-person and online
  - Salem Convention Center
- Two dates are available, please select only one day.
  - June 6 and June 7, 2023
  - 9:00am-4:00pm
- Register by June 1, 2023

OPI and Private Pay

Question:

Can OPI consumers hire HCWs or IHCAs and pay privately for additional hours?

Answer:

Yes, with some restrictions.

IHCAs have their own requirements for private pay hours.

HCWs have additional steps that need to be documented. HCWs are governed by OAR 411-031-0040.

OPI and Private Pay (continued)

When a consumer hires a HCW privately, it's for additional hours, not to supplement or increase the hourly rate.

Allowed:

Consumer receives 9 hours a pay period through OPI. They want to hire the HCW an additional 5 hours a week in addition to the OPI hours.

Not Allowed:

HCW gets paid by OPI at the current bargained rate at $16.67 and tells the consumer they need to pay an extra $3.33 to bring the hourly rate up to $20 an hour. No additional hours are worked.

OPI and Private Pay (continued)

Case Manager expectations:

- Private pay agreements are made between the consumer and provider (HCW or IHCA.)
- **If you're aware** that the consumer is hiring a provider for private pay hours, narrate the OPI schedule and the following information:
- Explain to the consumer that they cannot supplement the hourly rate that is paid by OPI.
- Inform the consumer that the HCW is not covered by workers' compensation insurance while working privately.
- Inform the consumer that they are the employer for these hours and payroll taxes are not deducted by the Department and they are required to follow all tax and employment laws.

OPI and Private Pay (continued)

Example 1:

Consumer and HCW # have agreed to 5 additional private pay hours a week. They have decided that the first 9 hours of a pay period will be paid by OPI and the remaining 5 are private pay. Explained that they cannot supplement the hourly rate paid for OPI, the HCW is not covered by workers' compensation insurance and they are required to follow all tax and employment laws. Provided OHCC website for private-pay information.

Example 2:

Consumer and HCW # have agreed to 5 additional private pay hours a week. They have decided that the OPI schedule will be 3 hours on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of the first week in the pay period. Explained that they cannot supplement the hourly rate paid for OPI, the HCW is not covered by workers' compensation insurance and they are required to follow all tax and employment laws. Provided OHCC website for private-pay information.

Note: This is important to document for Workers' Compensation Insurance and employment liability.

OPI-M and FCAP

- CMS is estimating that they will finalize their response by the end of the year.
- All timelines are subject to change.
- The delay in approval is to allow appropriate time and staff to handle the unwinding of the Public Health Emergency.


QUESTIONS

Brandi Truitt
brandi.n.truitt@dhsoha.state.or.us
General OPI Policy Questions
OPI.Policy@dhsoha.state.or.us