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Oregon FP Program News

2009 Federal Poverty Guidelines/Manual Update

As you may know, the 2009 Federal Poverty (FPL) guidelines have been released. Ahlers has updated the mainframe and website to the new poverty levels and has emailed Ahlers software users with instructions on how to change the poverty levels in WINCVR. We ask that you implement the new FPL guidelines immediately in order to accurately assess clients' income eligibility. Please be sure to update your Family Planning Program Manuals with the materials reflecting the new FPL guidelines. Specifically, please replace Exhibit 3 of Section B: Title X Service and Supply Discount Schedule, Exhibit 4 of Section B: 2009 Family Planning Sliding Fee Schedule, and Appendix F: Monthly Income Guidelines for Medicaid Coverage. All of these updated documents can be found on our website: <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/fp/providers.shtml>.

FPEP

FPEP & OHP Citizenship Documentation Match

We have recently set up a process to receive citizenship documentation information from the Oregon Division of Children, Adults, and Families (CAF), the division that determines eligibility for OHP recipients. A few months ago we sent CAF a data file for all clients enrolled in FPEP since November 2006 who were still without citizenship verification. CAF ran these clients against their OHP client database and documented sources of citizenship verification for any matches found. Based on this initial match, citizenship documentation information was found for 3,431 clients. Ahlers has updated these citizenship verifications in the FPEP eligibility database. Note we only received citizenship documentation information from CAF, so some clients might still need proof of ID before they are fully verified.

We plan to perform matches with CAF on a semi-regular basis with newly enrolled clients and will let you know once a schedule is determined. You will not be responsible for requesting these matches; they will be run automatically for all newly enrolled clients. We will send notification of all citizenship verifications as part of the Oregon birth record request and out-of state birth certificate email updates.

Please note that, for those clients whose citizenship was verified in this most recent match, you will not be able to bill any past visits with a date of service after the one-time was used and before the citizenship match was made. That is because those visits were not technically billable to FPEP since citizenship hadn't been verified at the date of those visits and the one-time had already been used. You will need to ask those clients who have had an interim, non-FPEP visit after the one-time and before the citizenship verification to complete a new enrollment form. For more guidance on this issue, please see the FP Update Newsletter which explains one-time eligibility updating: <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/fp/docs/updates/fpupdate06-28-07.doc> or the Family Planning Program Manual, Section C3-11: <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/fp/docs/providers/2008manual/SectionCtotal.pdf>

If you have any questions about this new matching feature, please contact Emily Elman at 971-673-0219 or emily.l.elman@state.or.us.

Oregon DHS Public Health, Office of Family Health, Reproductive Health Section
Updates and select attachments can be accessed on the Web at <http://oregon.gov/DHS/ph/fp/updates.shtml>

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Training and Education

SAVE THE DATE!

Clinical Preceptor Training – San Francisco, July 16-18

Terrific training opportunity for any Title X family planning practitioner - including those qualified and licensed as a Nurse Practitioner, Certified Nurse Midwife, Physician Assistant, Doctor of Medicine, or Doctor of Osteopathy. Practitioners must currently work in a Title X agency and have significant experience in clinical family planning.

This 18-hour training will provide the family planning preceptor with foundational knowledge and skills in the preceptor role; adult learning principles; competency-based instruction; assessing, planning, implementing and evaluating learning activities; and factors affecting the preceptor-preceptee relationship.

The Clinical Training Center for Family Planning now covers lodging expenses for participants. The training is 2 1/2 days and 18 hours of CEs will be provided. There is no registration fee for this training.

Please see the attached preceptor application for more information. If interested, please contact Aimee Patton, Training Operations Coordinator, CTCFP & Development Systems, Inc. at (816) 561-5050 or www.ctcfp.org to apply.

Funding Opportunity

Reducing Women's Health Disparities

This funding opportunity is intended to support projects, activities, or events that address racial, ethnic, geographic or socioeconomic disparities in women's health. Examples of activities may include: health walks, health fairs, health workshops, train the trainer health workshops, educational materials, and speaker fees for activities and events. For Region X (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington) four projects will be awarded up to \$2,500. Please see the attached funding announcement for more information.

During the review process, the Office on Women's Health may contact the DHS Women's Health Program to inquire about applications. For this reason the DHS Women's Health Program like to keep applications on file to best support Oregon applicants.

Please contact Emilee Coulter-Thompson (emilee.i.coulter-thompson@state.or.us or 971-673-0361) if you intend to apply.