

Adult Foster Home Provider Alert

Policy updates, rule clarifications and announcements

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To: ODHS Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) and ODHS Office of Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) providers

From: ODDS and APD

Topic: **Share your feedback on key findings from the APD-ODDS Rate and Wage Study by October 28**

This is a reminder that the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) seeks feedback on key findings from a study of providers by October 28. The study is about the rates that providers are paid and wages their staff earn.

Providers included serve people who get support through:

- ODHS Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)
- ODHS Office of Aging and People with Disabilities (APD)
- Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Behavioral Health.

These providers offer services that support people in their daily lives. The study's findings will help Oregon make decisions in the future. Oregon needs to keep and attract quality providers that are safe. To be safe, providers need to pay wages that attract workers.

What is the study?

In 2023, the Oregon Legislature passed [Senate Bill 5506](#). The bill told ODHS to do the study with a focus on in-home and community-based residential care services. The project is called the APD-ODDS Rate and Wage Study.

ODHS hired Burns & Associates, part of Health Management Associates (HMA-Burns), to run the study. HMA-Burns will give a report on the study's results to the Oregon Legislature in December 2024. A summary of the feedback received during the public comment period will be part of the report.

APD means Aging and People with Disabilities. APD adult foster homes are licensed to care for adults who are older and adults with physical disabilities.

How to provide feedback

- Go to the study's web page on the HMA-Burns website.
 - Link: <https://www.healthmanagement.com/burns-reports/or-dhs-wage-and-rate-study/>
- The website is only in English and Spanish.
- Follow the directions.
- Watch webinars on the HMA-Burns website to get help.
 - Link: <https://www.healthmanagement.com/burns-reports/or-dhs-wage-and-rate-study/>
- Send your feedback to HMA-Burns at oregonrates@healthmanagement.com.
- Share your feedback by Oct. 28, 2024.
- If you have questions, ask HMA-Burns at oregonrates@healthmanagement.com.
- If you need help communicating with HMA-Burns in a language other than English, including sign language, call 833-685-0841 or send an email to odhs.languageaccess@odhsoha.oregon.gov.

Please take some time to comment and have your voice heard. Thank you.

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