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To: Intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD community) members and Tribal partners

From: Dana Hittle, Interim Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)

Subject: Services from Rever Grand to continue

Hello.

I have an update about the provider agency Rever Grand. Please read this message to learn more.

Who is affected?

If you or someone in your family gets intellectual and developmental (I/DD) services through Rever Grand, this news may affect you. Please note:

- You are still eligible for the same services through ODDS.
- At this time, you can choose to keep getting services through Rever Grand.

What happened?

Three months ago, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) found a credible allegation of fraud against Rever Grand. That is because the Oregon Department of Justice alleged Rever Grand took money from Medicaid that it should not have received. See my <u>update from Sept. 20</u> for more details.

OHA could have required ODDS to stop making Medicaid payments to Rever Grand, but it did not. Because Rever Grand has a large staff of direct support professionals (DSPs) who serve about 1,850 individuals, OHA made a good cause exception to not stop Medicaid payments to Rever Grand for 90 days. This allowed ODDS to keep paying Rever Grand over the past three months. That 90 days is almost up.

OHA recently determined that the good cause exception remains appropriate.

What happens next?

OHA will evaluate the good cause exception as the situation develops. Unless and until OHA determines the exception no longer applies:

- ODDS can keep making Medicaid payments to Rever Grand.
- Individuals currently receiving services from Rever Grand can choose to keep getting services through them.

This continues to be a developing legal situation. OHA has still determined there is credible allegation of fraud against Rever Grand. We will continue to monitor the legal cases that involve Rever Grand. If anything changes that would affect individuals who get services from Rever Grand,

ODDS and case management entities are ready to help all who are affected.

Who can help with questions?

If you have questions, please contact your services coordinator or personal agent for help.

If you have questions for ODDS, please call 971-701-5299 or email odds.casemanagementliaison@odhs.oregon.gov.

If you need help in calling ODDS in a language other than English, including sign language, call <u>833-685-0841</u> or email <u>odhs.languageaccess@odhsoha.oregon.gov</u>. Someone will get back to you in your preferred language to assist you.

Sincerely,

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