

Adult Care Home Program Newsletter

October 2024

Message From the ACHP Program Manager: Senate Bill 99 Licensing Support Visits

Thank you to the operators who have completed the new required training Providing Inclusive Care, and scheduled a time for your caregivers to complete it as well.

If you haven't yet started that free training, you can find more information about that on page 2.

Senate Bill 99 requirements also include a new non-discrimination notice, and updates to the Residents' Bill of Rights. Your resident's care plan, ISP or other supporting documents may also need to be updated to reflect preferred pronouns.

The upcoming Licensing Support Visit will help you get into compliance with these changes. Your licensor will bring handouts and answer any of your questions. These visits will start in late October.

Please be aware that these regulation changes have come from the Oregon legislature, so your licensor is helping you become compliant with the new law.

There is always a learning curve when it comes to implementing new regulations, but together we can create a more inclusive and welcoming care home environment for everyone.

Steven Esser
ACHP Program Manager

Changes to Oregon's Drug Possession Law

Starting last month, carrying a small amount of illegal drugs (possession) in Oregon will be a misdemeanor that can send a person to jail. Under the old law, possession of small amounts of drugs was typically a violation, meaning a person could be fined, but not go to jail. Now a person charged with possession could face probation or jail time.

It's important to understand the law, and the new deflection services, if your residents do drugs.

Under the new law, Multnomah County is offering deflection services to help people get services, instead of going to jail. Instead of taking someone to jail for possession, a police officer can offer deflection to someone who is eligible.

People are eligible if they are not committing any other crimes, and have not failed deflection within the prior 30 days.

The Health Department is deploying behavioral health providers and professional peer specialists to respond to law enforcement in the field from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. Peer specialists are also assigned to Court to offer deflection services to eligible people detained outside those hours.

Learn more about deflection services at [Deflection Services & The Coordinated Care Pathway Center](https://multco.us/multnomah-county/deflection-services-coordinated-care-pathway-center)
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Get Four Free COVID-19 Tests This Fall

Every U.S. household may place an order to receive four free COVID-19 rapid tests delivered directly to your home. Place your order at [Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests special.usps.com/testkits](https://special.usps.com/testkits).

Don't forget that it's time for your flu shot and COVID-19 booster.

Public Comment Period Begins for APD-ODDS Rate and Wage Survey

Adult care home operators and the general public are invited to comment on findings and recommendations from the APD-ODDS Rate and Wage Survey. Thank you to all adult care home operators who took the time and effort to participate in that important survey.

The public comment period is from Monday, October 7 to Monday, October 28. We've emailed all adult care home operators a link to provide feedback.

The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) created the survey to collect crucial data to advocate for effective Medicaid-funded reimbursement rates for services and supports. This survey was an essential step in evaluating reimbursement rates.

The survey was conducted by Burns & Associates, a division of Health Management Associates.

This study is the result of direction provided during the 2023 Oregon Legislative session. A report about study results will be provided to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means or Emergency Board.

If you have questions, contact Regan Sheeley, ODHS operations and policy analyst, at regan.sheeley@odhs.oregon.gov.

Senate Bill 99: Required Training

Registration is now open for the required training course **Providing Inclusive Care: Training for Oregon Long-Term Care Facility Staff**. All adult care home operators, staff and contractors must complete this free training course by Tuesday, December 31, 2024.

Certificate Validity: Your certificate is valid for 24 months from completion. It is transferable between adult care homes and facilities.

New Hires: All new staff hired in 2024 must meet the December 31, 2024 deadline. For staff hired on or after January 1, 2025, the training is a pre-service training requirement.

This online course is offered through Oregon Care Partners, and it takes approximately 1.5 hours to complete. This course provides 1.5 CEUs. To obtain a certificate of completion, each staff member must create their own account and take the training online as an individual. Be sure to print or save your certificate as a PDF. Starting Friday, November 1, this course will also be offered in Spanish.

The goal of this training is to ensure that all staff are equipped to provide safe, respectful, and inclusive care for LGBTQIA2S+ residents and those living with HIV.

This new required training is part of Senate Bill 99. Oregon Senate Bill 99 requires adult care home operators and staff to follow new rules to protect the rights of residents who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, two spirit or nonbinary. Additionally, the bill protects the rights of people with HIV.

Register now at [Providing Inclusive Care: Training for Oregon Long-Term Care Facility Staff, link.multco.us/inclusive.care.training](https://link.multco.us/inclusive.care.training). Be sure to attend the right class! Oregon Care Partners provides other classes about LGBT rights, but only this one approved course fulfills the new training requirement.

Training and Support

Sessions are virtual unless listed as in person.
To register call 503-988-3000 or email
advsd.adult.carehomeprogram@multco.us.

Free Info Session for Operator Applicants

Date: Tuesday, October 15
Time: 9 – 11 a.m. (Sign-on 8:50 a.m.)

In-Person Provider Meeting

Topic: General Emergency Preparedness
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 1 – 4 p.m.
Cost: \$30 | 3 CEUs
Location: Chinook Room,
600 NE 8th St., Gresham 97030

Orientation Required for operator, resident manager and shift manager applicants.

Date: Tuesday, November 5
Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Sign-on 8:50 a.m.)
Cost: \$55

First-year required trainings for operators, resident managers and shift managers:

In-Person Record Keeping Part B, Medication Management

Date: Thursday, Oct. 10, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Location: Preschool For All, Rockwood Market Hall, 458 SE 185th Ave., Portland, OR 97233

Date: Monday, October 14, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Location: Gresham Library, 385 NW Miller Avenue Gresham, OR 97030

Date: Thursday, Oct. 24, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Location: Preschool For All, Rockwood Market Hall, 458 SE 185th Ave., Portland, OR 97233

Cost: \$30 | 3 CEUs *Class full through Oct.*

Record Keeping Part A, Screening and Care Planning

Required for APD and MHA operators, resident managers and shift managers.

Date: Thursday, November 7
Time: 9 a.m. – noon (Sign-on 12:20 p.m.)
Cost: \$30 | 3 CEUs

Emergency Preparedness Planning

Date: Tuesday, December 10
Time: 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (Sign-on 8:50 a.m.)
Cost: \$30 | 3 CEUs
This course is now offered every other month.

Honoring Diversity

Date: Wednesday, December 18
Time: 9 a.m. – noon (Sign-on 8:50 a.m.)
Cost: \$30 | 3 CEUs

Residents May Want to Celebrate Halloween or Harvest

In the Pacific Northwest, this is a festive time of year to celebrate harvest, Halloween and Day of the Dead. Although you may not celebrate, many residents grew up with fun Halloween traditions.

It's also time to prepare delicious autumn meals. Find healthy options like pumpkin lasagna, stuffed acorn squash, and buffalo brussel sprouts at [Healthy Fall Recipe Ideas, delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/g3497/healthy-fall-recipe-ideas/](https://delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/g3497/healthy-fall-recipe-ideas/).

Review Labor Laws and Hiring Best Practices

Both labor laws and hiring best practices were covered at last year's Adult Care Home Conference. You can review the presentations at:

[Wage and Hour Laws](https://link.multco.us/BOLI.presentation)
link.multco.us/BOLI.presentation

[Become an Employer of Choice](https://link.multco.us/staff.presentation)
link.multco.us/staff.presentation