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Dear Nursing Facility Partners:



The Oregon Legislature approved a program to support nursing facilities in adopting employment policies that protect employees during the COVID-19 crisis. The Department of Human Services will provide an incentive payment equal to 2.5% of Medicaid revenue for the months of May-July 2020 if the following criteria are met:

- Increased Paid Time Off for workers who become sick,
- Workers cannot be fired for calling out sick or because they must stay home due to COVID, and
- Enhanced compensation for frontline caregivers who are at risk of exposure to COVID-19.

The Department is in the process of drafting administrative rules to implement this incentive program. We will be engaging with nursing facility providers and labor representatives in finalizing the specific provisions.

The Medicaid incentive program will consist of a one-time payment for the time period May 1 - July 31, 2020. We anticipate opening up eligibility for the incentive payments in early August.

Thank you for your continued efforts during this unprecedented crisis.

Sincerely,

Mike McCormick, Interim Director  
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