

**Disclosure of Client Information**

For any program covered by chapter 461 of the Oregon Administrative Rules:

- (1) The Department may disclose the minimum necessary client information without client authorization for purposes directly connected with:
  - (a) Administering the public assistance, medical assistance, and SNAP program laws, except for social security numbers, health, treatment, and domestic violence information.
  - (b) Any investigation, prosecution, or criminal or civil proceeding conducted in connection with administering the programs covered by chapter 461 of the Oregon Administrative Rules.
  - (c) Any legally authorized audit or review by a governmental entity conducted in connection with administering the programs covered by chapter 461 of the Oregon Administrative Rules.
- (2) Client information, other than health or treatment information, may be exchanged with other governmental or private, non-profit agencies to only the extent necessary to assist applicants or recipients of public assistance, medical assistance, or SNAP benefits to access and receive other governmental or private, non-profit services that will benefit or serve the applicant or recipient. Reasonable efforts must be made to obtain applicant or recipient authorization in advance.
- (3) For all programs except SNAP, client information may be disclosed without the client's authorization for purposes directly connected with foster care and adoption assistance programs under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act.
- (4) Notwithstanding any rule in this division, client information---other than health or treatment information---may be disclosed to an Oregon attorney who represents that client if both of the following requirements are met:

- (a) The attorney states that he or she currently is representing the client.
- (b) The attorney states that the client has authorized disclosure of the client information to the attorney.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS [411.060](#), [411.300](#), [411.404](#), [411.816](#), [412.049](#)

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS [410.150](#), [411.060](#), , [411.300](#), [411.320](#), [411.335](#), [411.404](#), [411.816](#), [411.837](#), [412.049](#), 412.072, [412.074](#)

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