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TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Annick Benson-Scott, Manager
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RE: Notice of Permanent Rulemaking for OAR chapter 333, division 22–
"CAREAssist- Ryan White Part B, AIDS Drug Assistance Program"

The Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division is proposing to permanently adopt, amend, and repeal rules in OAR chapter 333, division 22 related to the administration of Ryan White Part B, AIDS Drug Assistance Program.

The proposed amendments address gaps in the original rule and reflect improvements to Program eligibility criteria and client benefits. Program improvements, which have already been implemented, include an increase to income eligibility limits, the addition of dental benefits and discontinuation of the Cost Share Program. Proposed amendments also authorize the Authority to seek reimbursement from clients who receive a refund for services paid for by the Program and prohibits balance-billing. Lastly, additional language has been added to support the Program's ability to restrict client benefits for not recertifying, rather than allow all benefits to expire.

You are being invited to review and comment on the proposed rules. **If you wish to present oral testimony, a public hearing will be held in Portland, Oregon at 800 NE Oregon St, Room 612, on July 20, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. (see hearing notice). You may also file written comments before 5:00 p.m. on July 22nd, 2016** to the Public Health Division Rules Coordinator at the following address:

OHA, Public Health Division
Tracy Candela, Administrative Rules Coordinator
800 NE Oregon Street, Suite 930
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E-mail comments to: publichealth.rules@state.or.us
You may also send comments by fax to (971) 673-1299.

Final rules will be filed after consideration of all comments.

For more details, please see the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Hearing, Statement of Need and Fiscal Impact, and the full text of the proposed rules at the following website:

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If you have any questions or would prefer a hardcopy be sent, please contact Jonathan Livingston at 971-673-1045 or jonathan.m.livingston@state.or.us.