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**Report on Capacity of Adult Residential Care Facilities and Adult Foster Homes
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The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) is pleased to submit this report on capacity of adult residential care facilities and adult foster homes under ORS 443.424.

The Department has concluded that overall, Medicaid access to community-based care is strong.

Adult foster home utilization is down approximately 1% from the same period one year ago. The Legislative Assembly approved a substantial rate increase for this group of providers. Rates increased by 10% and 5% on January 1, 2020 and July 1, 2020 respectively, which has likely helped maintain this critical capacity.

Access to other community-based care settings such as residential care, assisted living and memory care is sufficient. Utilization has decreased by approximately 6% from the year ago period. This, however, is not an indication of Medicaid access to these settings. Rather, the entire sector is struggling as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. To maintain continued access to this vital service, the 2019 Legislative Assembly approved two rate increases for this class of providers in the 2019-21 biennium. Rates increased by 5% effective July 1, 2019 with a second 5% increase effective July 1, 2020. There have also been short term supports for COVID-related expenses.

In summary, continuing strong access to community-based care is critical for the overall success of Oregon's long-term care system. COVID-19 is placing unprecedented pressure on these providers, resulting in overall increased expenses and fewer admissions. We are monitoring the situation closely and there are continued discussions with the 2021 Legislative Assembly on this issue.

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