



Oregon

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Dear Homecare Worker:

Over the past two years, we have shared information with you about Senate Bill 1534 and required training for homecare workers. By law, all homecare workers must complete required training. **You must complete the required refresher training by March 31, 2022.**

The purpose of this letter is to remind you that the deadline to complete the refresher training is fast approaching. We want to make sure you have the information you need to enroll without delay. If you have already completed the refresher training, that's great. There is nothing else you need to do. You only have to take the refresher training once, even if you also work as a personal support worker or personal care attendant.

The work you do as a homecare worker is valued and helps older adults and people with disabilities remain safe and independent at home and in their communities. They count on the services and supports you provide. This is why it is so important to complete the refresher training by **March 31, 2022**. Workers who do not complete the required training by the deadline will be sent a termination notice. This means they will no longer be able to work as a homecare worker.

To check to see if you have completed your required training or have questions, you can contact Carewell SEIU 503 Training at 1-844-503-7348 or the Provider Relations Unit with Aging and People with Disabilities at 1-800-241-3013.

To enroll for refresher training, please visit Carewell SEIU 503 Training's website at <https://www.carewellseiu503.org/training/>. Please select "Current Worker Refresher Training." This training is a combination of self-paced online modules and live trainer-led webinars and is a total of 12 hours. Self-paced modules do not need to be completed during one sitting and you can start and stop as needed. Live online webinars are available several times per week, including evenings and weekends. You must complete the online modules **and** the webinar by the deadline.

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You will receive a \$200 stipend through Carewell SEIU 503 Training when you successfully complete refresher training.

There is one exception to completing training. If you have a current certification awarded by the Oregon Home Care Commission, you do not need to take the refresher training. Certifications include: Professional Development Certification (PDC), Enhanced HCW or PSW, Exceptional PSW, Ventilator-Dependency Quadriplegia (VDQ), or Community Health Worker certification.

For additional information about required training, please read the enclosed documents. You can also listen to the OHCC Connections podcasts found on the Oregon Home Care Commission's website at <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/HCC/Pages/Senate-Bill-1534-Updates.aspx>.

Thank you for the services and supports you provide to older adults and people with disabilities.

Sincerely,

Office of Aging and People with Disabilities
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