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Authorized Representatives; General

(1) The head of household, spouse (see OAR 461-001-0000), or any other responsible member of the household may designate an authorized representative to act on behalf of the household in making application for the program, in reporting changes, in obtaining benefits, or in using benefits.

(2) In all programs except the SNAP program, the Department must allow a person or persons of the applicant's choice to act as the authorized representative unless the person may cause harm to the client or may be considered as having a conflict of interest.

(3) In all programs except the SNAP program, if an authorized representative is needed but has not been designated by the client, the Department will appoint one.

(4) In the SNAP program:

(a) Except as limited by sections (5) and (6) this rule, the selection of an authorized representative must be made in writing by an adult member of the household.

(b) The selection and authority of an authorized representative is further limited by OAR 461-115-0140.

(5) A client who resides in a drug addiction or alcoholic treatment center identified in OAR 461-135-0550(2) may apply for SNAP program benefits only through an authorized representative. The authorized representative must be an employee of and designated by the center.

(6) A client with a disability (see OAR 461-001-0015) who participates in the SNAP program while residing in a group living facility (see OAR 461-001-0015) may participate through an authorized representative or on his or her own behalf, at the option of the group living facility (see OAR 461-135-0510(2)(e)).

(7) In the TANF program, a person not related to the dependent child may serve as authorized representative or alternate payee for not more than 60 days.

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