

OAR 410-141-0050 MHO Enrollment for Children Receiving Child Welfare Services

(1) Pursuant to and in the administration of the authority in OAR 410-141-0060, Children, Adults and Families (CAF) or Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) selects Prepaid Health Plans (PHPs) or a Primary Care Manager (PCM) for a child receiving CAF Child Welfare Services or OYA Services, with the exception of children in subsidized adoption and guardianship. This rule implements and further describes how the Department of Human Services (DHS or Department) will administer its authority under OAR 410-141-0060 for purposes of making enrollment decisions and OAR 410-141-0080 for purposes of making disenrollment decisions for children receiving CAF Child Welfare Services or OYA Services;

(A) The Department has determined that, to the maximum extent possible, all children receiving CAF services should be enrolled in Mental Health Organizations (MHOs) at the next available enrollment date following eligibility, redetermination, or upon review by the Department, unless Disenrollment from a MHO is authorized by the Department in accordance with this section and OAR 410-141-0080:

(i) Notwithstanding OAR 410-141-0060(4)(a) or OAR 410-141-0080(2)(b)(E), children receiving CAF services are not exempt from mandatory Enrollment in an MHO on the basis of Third Party Resources (TPR) mental health services coverage;

(ii) A decision to use FFS open card for a child receiving CAF services should be reviewed by the Department if the child's circumstances change and at the time of redetermination to consider whether the child should be enrolled in a MHO.

(B) When a child receiving CAF services is being transferred from one MHO to another, or for children transferring from Fee-For-Service (FFS) to a MHO, the MHO must facilitate coordination of care consistent with OAR 410-141-0160:

(i) MHOs are required to work closely with the Department to ensure continuous MHO Enrollment for children receiving CAF services;

(ii) If the Department determines that Disenrollment should occur, the MHO will continue to be responsible for providing Covered Services until the Disenrollment date established by the Department, which shall provide for an adequate transition to the next responsible MHO.

(C) It is not unusual for a child receiving CAF services to experience a change of placement that may be permanent or temporary in nature. Consistent with OAR 410-141-0080(2)(b)(F), DHS will verify the address change information to determine whether a child receiving CAF services no longer resides in the MHO's Service Area:

(i) A temporary absence as a result of a temporary placement out of the MHO's Service Area does not represent a change of residence if DHS determines that the child is reasonably likely to return to a placement in the MHO's Service Area at the end of the temporary placement;

(ii) Unless a corresponding change in MHO capitation rates is implemented, a child receiving CAF services placed in Behavioral Rehabilitation Services (BRS) settings will be enrolled in the MHO that serves the region in which the BRS setting is located, unless an out of area exception is requested by the MHO and agreed to by DHS for purposes related to continuity of care.

(D) If the child receiving CAF services is enrolled in a MHO on the same day the child is admitted to psychiatric residential treatment services (PRTS), the MHO shall be responsible for Covered Services during that placement even if the location of the facility is outside of the MHO's Service Area:

(i) The child receiving CAF services is presumed to continue to be enrolled in the MHO with which the child was most recently enrolled. An admission to a PRTS facility shall be deemed a temporary placement for purposes of MHO Enrollment. Any address change or DHS system identifier (e.g., C5 status) change associated with the placement in the PRTS facility does not constitute a change of residence for purposes of MHO Enrollment and shall not constitute a basis for Disenrollment from the MHO, notwithstanding OAR 410-141-0080(2)(b)(F). If DHS determines that a child was disenrolled for reasons not consistent with these rules, DHS shall re-enroll the child with the appropriate MHO and assign an Enrollment date that

provides for continuous MHO coverage with the appropriate MHO. If the child had been enrolled in a different MHO in error, the Department will disenroll the child from that MHO and recoup the Capitation Payments;

(iii) Immediately upon discharge from Long Term Psychiatric Care and prior to admission to a PRTS, a child receiving CAF services should be enrolled in an MHO. At least two weeks prior to discharge of a child receiving CAF services from Long Term Psychiatric Care (SAIP, SCIP or STS) facility to a PRTS facility, the long term care facility shall consult with the Department about which MHO will be assigned in order to provide for Enrollment in the MHO and shall make every reasonable effort within the laws governing confidentiality to consult with the MHO that will be assigned in order to provide for continuity of care upon discharge from Long Term Psychiatric Care.

(E) Notwithstanding OAR 410-141-0060(6)(d) and (7) and OAR 410-141-0080(2)(b)(H), if a child receiving CAF services is enrolled in a MHO after the first day of an admission to PRTS, the date of Enrollment shall be effective the next available Enrollment date following discharge from PRTS to the MHO assigned by the Department:

(i) For purposes of these rules and to assure continuity of care for the child upon discharge, the next available Enrollment date shall mean immediately upon discharge;

(ii) At least two weeks prior to discharge, the PRTS facility shall consult with the Department about which MHO will be assigned and shall make every reasonable effort within the laws governing confidentiality to consult with the MHO that will be assigned in order to provide for continuity of care upon discharge.

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