



TO: Addictions and Mental Health Stakeholders

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RE: New and Revised Rules Effective March 4, 2010

On March 4, 2010 the Integrated Services and Supports Rule (ISSR) became effective with the Secretary of State's Office. The ISSR details the requirements providers must meet to receive certification from AMH to provide addictions and/or mental health services. The ISSR is now in effect and providers are required to implement the new requirements.

To assure that certification standards and payment standards are consistent, emergency revisions were filed to the Medicaid Payment for Rehabilitative Mental Health Services Rule (309-016-0000 through 309-016-0450) and the Other Contract Services Rule (309-034-0150 through 309-034-0490) which includes Medicaid Payment for Child/Adolescent Residential Psychiatric Treatment Services. These rules are also effective as of March 4, 2010.

To complete the Medicaid Payment Rule revision, AMH has worked with an external advisory group and a final payment rule recommended by the group is in the last stages of review with AMH leadership. Once approved, the public comment period will be announced. After all comments are considered, the final revised payment rule will be filed with the Secretary of State's Office and notice of the rules will be distributed.

There are several projects in progress at AMH to assist providers with understanding and implementing the new rules:

- Regional training will take place from April 7 through May 13, 2010. Technical assistance is also available by contacting the ISSR Project Manager.
- An internal workgroup is in the process of creating new site review guidelines to correspond with the ISSR. Stakeholders will be asked to comment on the initial draft of the site review guidelines sometime around the end of April. At that point, an external stakeholder group will convene to finalize the guidelines and create a new site review process.
- The AMH Implementation Policy for Site Reviews outlines information for providers subject to review between March 4, 2010 and January 1, 2011. A copy of the policy is attached.

The rules will be available on the Secretary of State's website shortly. In the meantime, they can be found at <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/addiction/rule/main.shtml>. For more information about the ISSR, please contact LuAnn Meulink, ISSR Project Manager, at 503-945-6289 or luann.e.meulink@state.or.us. For more information about the Medicaid Payment Rules, please contact Jay Yedziniak, Medicaid Projects Coordinator, at 503-945-6231 or joseph.a.yedziniak@state.or.us.