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Memorandum

To: Behavior Rehabilitation Services (BRS) providers

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Subject: Community Listening Sessions for BRS Rule Changes

To prepare for BRS rule changes in 2024, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) and Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) are holding listening sessions for people who use, provide, or advocate for these services.

To create an informal setting where everyone is comfortable sharing their experiences and feedback from their own perspective:

- There are different sessions for providers and for people with lived experience of these services.
- Providers, clients, and their advocates are welcome to attend any or all listening sessions dedicated to them.

Please share this information with anyone you think may be interested. Everyone can also find this information on OHA's website at <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/hsd/ohp/pages/policy-brs.aspx>.

Listening sessions for people with lived experience:

Sessions for current or past BRS clients, their families and advocates will include:

- How rules are connected to the services people receive,
- The state's rule writing and revision process,
- What changes clients would like to see, and
- Proposed changes.

[Share this handout with times and join information for the November and February sessions.](#)

Listening sessions for providers and provider advocates:

Sessions are for people and organizations who:

- Provide BRS to people,
- Want to provide these services,

- Provided them in the past, or
- Work closely with or advocate for providers, like the Oregon Alliance.

Date and Time	Topics for Provider Listening Sessions	Link to Register
December 5, 2023 3:35 to 4:55 p.m.	Discuss concepts for upcoming rule changes. This will include topics identified from previous Rules Advisory Committees (RACs) and provider discussions. Providers can propose other desired changes.	bit.ly/session120523
February 22, 2024 3:35 to 4:55 p.m.	This session will include a review of proposed changes from the previous listening session. Providers and their advocates can discuss these changes in an informal setting prior to the RAC.	bit.ly/session022224

Other ways to get involved:

If you wish to engage in other parts of the rule writing process, you can:

- Listen to the RAC and provide written feedback.
- Ask to be a RAC member to provide verbal feedback.
- Submit written feedback during the public comment period for the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.
- Provide feedback at the public hearing for the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

ODHS, OHA and OYA will share the dates and times for the RAC, public comment period and rulemaking hearing once confirmed. They will also be posted on OHA's BRS website at <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/hsd/ohp/pages/policy-brs.aspx>

Questions?

Please email Medicaid.Programs@odhsoha.oregon.gov or call 503-545-0885 to:

- Learn more about the listening sessions,
- Get help registering for listening sessions, or
- Learn more about any part of the rulemaking process.

In your call or email, explain what you need and provide your best contact information.

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