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Subject: Early Identification of Primary Care Providers for State Hospital Discharges

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Message: OMAP is sending the attached announcement to all OMAP contracted fully capitated health plans (FCHPs) and the physician care organization (PCO).

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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TO: Fully Capitated Health Plans &
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FROM: Ralph Summers, Children's Mental Health and Medicaid Policy
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SUBJECT: Identifying Primary Care Practitioners for Individuals Prior to
Discharge from the Oregon State Hospital

The Supreme Court's 1999 Olmstead Decision specified that unnecessary institutional segregation of the disabled constitutes discrimination per se, which cannot be justified by lack of funding. The Decision promotes discharging individuals from institutions into least restrictive community settings. Following the Olmstead Decision a class action was filed against the State of Oregon and culminated in the 2004 Miranda Settlement. In the settlement, the State agreed to discharge 69 individuals who had been waiting for at least six months to be discharged from the Oregon State Hospital (OSH). The Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS) has developed community residences for 60 of the 69 individuals included in the Miranda Settlement, and these individuals have been discharged from OSH.

A small number of the individuals being discharged from OSH have medical conditions that dictate continuity of medical care is essential. It is necessary to identify a primary care practitioner (PCP) in the area in which the client will live prior to discharge from OSH. The Department of Human Service Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS), Seniors and People with Disabilities (SPD), and Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP) recognize early identification of a PCP is appropriate and are collaborating to support this need.

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OMAP has determined that enrolling these individuals in a Fully Capitated Health Plan (FCHP) or Physician Care Organization (PCO), if available, is consistent with the intent to provide comprehensive medical services to individuals with disabilities. SPD has agreed to facilitate choice counseling.

The following steps will allow identification of a PCP for a client prior to discharge from the Oregon State Hospital:

1. The client's Social Worker at the OSH will contact SPD Field Services, Angela Munkers (503-945-6985) or Debra McDermott (503-945-6209), to request Choice Counseling through SPD. Angela or Debra will identify the field office responsible for providing choice counseling in the city where the client will reside. The client's needs will be considered and SPD will assist the Social Worker (and the client or guardian) to choose the health plan for the client.
2. The Social Worker will then contact OMAP at 503-945-5772 and ask to speak with the Prepaid Health Plan (PHP) Coordinator for the plan selected through the choice counseling process with SPD.
3. The PHP Coordinator will obtain information from the OSH Social Worker and work with the selected health plan to identify a primary care practitioner for the client to be discharged from OSH. The PHP Coordinator will also advise PHP of enrollment start date as soon as that information is available.
4. The PHP Coordinator will provide the name of the PCP identified to provide care for the client to the OSH Social Worker.

The Department of Human Services values your collaboration in providing continuity of care to our clients. Please contact Joan Claypool, Olmstead Coordinator, at 503-947-5545 or joan.claypool@state.or.us with questions or concerns about this process.

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