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Topic: Medical Benefits

Subject: H9 modifier to identify jail diversion services billed to OHA

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Message:

The Health Systems Division posted the following announcement to the [OHP Announcements](#) page, and will share it through the AMH Info email list, the Provider Web Portal and outgoing paper Remittance Advices for Type 33 (Mental Health) providers.

It explains that when billing OHA for jail diversion services provided on or after April 1, 2016, providers can now add the H9 modifier.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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Date: July 21, 2016

To: Behavioral health providers

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Subject: Use the H9 modifier to identify jail diversion services provided to OHP members

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has assigned the *H9 – Court-ordered* modifier for behavioral health providers to use when billing for jail diversion services provided to Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members on and after April 1, 2016.

Jail diversion services:

- Are meant to divert individuals with serious mental illness (and often co-occurring substance use disorders) away from jail or the Oregon State Hospital;
- Provide links to community-based treatment and support services, like food stamps or rental assistance (case management); and
- Provide peer-delivered services, individual therapy and more.

Why is this happening?

Using the H9 modifier will help OHA better identify the types of services used to help prevent OHP members from entering or returning to jail or the Oregon State Hospital.

What should you do?

If you provide jail diversion services to OHP members, please include the H9 modifier when billing for these services.

You can add the H9 modifier to paid claims with service dates on or after April 1, 2016. To do this, adjust paid claims as described in the [Claim Adjustment Handbook](#).

Questions?

If you have any questions about this announcement, contact the Provider Services Unit at dmap.providerservices@state.or.us or call 1-800-336-6016. We are available Monday through Friday, anytime between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (including lunch hours).

Thank you for your continued support of the Oregon Health Plan and the services you provide to our members.

¹ The Addictions and Mental Health Division and Division of Medical Assistance Programs are now united as the Health Systems Division.