

**Date:** 06.18.2024**500 Summer Street NE, E-86****Salem, OR 97301-1118****Voice: 503-945-5763****Fax: 503-378-8467****TTY: 800-375-2863****www.oregon.gov/OHA/amh****To:** Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Programs**From:** Richelle Murray; Adult Mental Health Service Manager**Subject: ACT Fidelity Pause**

Dear ACT Programs;

The Behavioral Health Division will be pausing ACT fidelity reviews effective July 1, 2024 with an anticipated date to resume on **June 30, 2025**. During this pause, The Division will be concentrating on much needed improvements that will be focused on the resource tools/fidelity scale; admin burden reduction and policy guidelines for ACT service implementation with emphasis on outcomes. Technical Assistance support will continue to be provided as needed within areas of program implementation.

The annual fidelity reviews that would have been scheduled during this time will not need to be rescheduled as the expectation will be that programs actively engage in training opportunities and continue to uphold standards true to the model. If a program received provisional status and is due for their first fidelity review during this time, the provisional status will be extended, therefore no negative impacts to billing. Any Variances or Waivers approved for the ACT program prior to this pause will also be extended until the pause is lifted.

Please continue attending the monthly Learning Collaborative (LC) that OHA's hosts for most recent updates and notifications of training opportunities. If you are unable to attend the LC please ensure you set aside time to read the LC Summary email with the highlights of the meeting and announcements. We appreciate all the engagement thus far from ACT programs during this transition to improve the system as a whole and your dedication to the people in your communities. Please also be on the lookout for ways to take part in strategy discussions that will be communicated in the near future! If you have any questions about this pause; please contact Angella James at angella.pulkownik2@oha.oregon.gov or 503-367-6414.