



HEALTH SYSTEMS DIVISION
Behavioral Health Director's Office

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Dear Valued Providers,

I want to express my gratitude for all your efforts regarding the implementation of ASAM levels of care. Although most providers have submitted level of care applications, we are still hearing concerns. Your feedback is essential to us, and we take your concerns seriously. Therefore, OHA will temporarily pause the requirement to submit the level of care application(s) and the licensing/certification processes. If you have already submitted your application and wish to continue implementation, please notify Cissie Bollinger at Cissie.M.Bollinger@oha.oregon.gov.

OHA holds the goal of improving and enhancing the behavioral health quality of services at the forefront of all we do. Oregon's 1115 Medicaid SUD demonstration waiver plays a crucial role in this system improvement by allowing us to re-invest general funds into other under-resourced areas of the system and create levels of care that do not currently exist within licensing and certification process.

OHA will be taking the following immediate actions:

1. Seek consultation from CMS to ensure the interpretation of the required ASAM monitoring protocol is accurate and aligns with the intended purpose, avoiding unnecessary complexity.
2. Provide timely updates to all providers regarding any changes, updates, or process modifications related to the ASAM monitoring protocol requirements.

Thank you again for your commitment to improving behavioral health services in Oregon.

Sincerely,

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