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To: Individual Placement Support (IPS) Supported Employment Programs

From: Richelle Murray; Adult Mental Health Service Manager

Subject: IPS Fidelity Pause

Dear IPS Programs;

The Behavior Health Division will be pausing IPS 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 resource tools/fidelity scale; admin burden reduction and policy guidelines for IPS service implementation. Technical Assistance support will continue to be provided as needed within areas of program implementation.

The annual fidelity reviews during this time will not need to be rescheduled as the expectation will be that programs actively engage in the training opportunities. 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 approved for IPS program prior to pause will also be extended.

OHA will be hosting open office hours at the following time: **June 26th 9am & July 17th 1pm**. If you would like the link for the office hours, please communicate with Angella at contact info below. We appreciate the patience from IPS programs during this transition to improve the system as a whole and your dedication to the people in your communities. Please be on the look out for communication for ways to get involved in planning phases.

If you have any questions about this pause; please contact Angella James at angella.pulkownik2@oha.oregon.gov or 503-367-6414.