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**To:** Licensed Mental Health Adult Foster Homes

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**Subject:** Medicaid Coverage of Crisis Respite Services and Respite Care

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) reimburses for up to 30 days of Crisis Respite Services for Medicaid-eligible individuals residing in Residential Treatment Facilities (RTFs), as defined in [Oregon Administrative Rule \(OAR\) 309-035-0105\(16\)](#). Under this definition:

- Secure Residential Treatment Facilities (SRTFs) are considered RTFs.
- Residential Treatment Homes and Adult Foster Homes (AFHs) are not considered RTFs.

This means only RTFs and SRTFs may bill OHA for Crisis Respite Services using procedure code H0045, found on the Residential Services tab of the [Fee-For-Service Behavioral Health Fee Schedule](#).

### Why is this happening?

Medicaid does not reimburse for Crisis Respite Services or Respite Care provided in AFHs. It has come to OHA's attention that some OHA-licensed AFHs are submitting prior authorization and continued stay requests for Crisis Respite Services to Comagine Health, and that some of these requests have been approved.

### What should you do?

- Admit individuals for Respite Care only. Additional in-home services may be appropriate; refer to the [Comparison Chart for Medicaid Behavioral Health Adult In-Home Services](#) for more information.
- Refer individuals requiring Crisis Respite Services to OHA-licensed RTFs and SRTFs.
- Withdraw all pending requests for Crisis Respite Services submitted to Comagine Health.
- For AFH residents currently approved for Crisis Respite Services, submit requests to Comagine Health for 1915(i) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) assessment and service planning.

### Questions?

- **About 1915(i) HCBS:** contact Comagine Health at 1-888-416-3184 ([ORBHSSupport@comagine.org](mailto:ORBHSSupport@comagine.org)).
- **About Medicaid billing:** contact the Provider Services Unit at 1-800-336-6016 or email [dmap.providerservices@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:dmap.providerservices@dhsosha.state.or.us).
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