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To: Freestanding Birth Centers

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Subject: Fee-for-service birth center facility fee rate increase, effective July 1, 2022

Effective July 1, 2022, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will increase the fee-for-service (FFS) birth center facility fee from \$1,200 to \$3,700. OHA will reprocess FFS birth center claims paid **between July 1, 2022, and March 14, 2023**, to bring them up to the new rate.

While this was not the increase OHA sought to provide, we do hope it, along with the expanded claim reprocessing timeframe, will help birth centers meet financial obligations while continuing to provide essential services for Oregon Health Plan members.

Why is this happening?

Following discussions with birth center representatives about this fee, OHA sought to increase the fee to correspond to the facility fee paid to hospitals. Based on available actuarial data, OHA determined that \$3,700 was the most OHA can authorize for an increase at this time. OHA will, however, reprocess claims retroactive to July 1, 2022, instead of January 1, 2023, as originally discussed.

What should you do?

No action is required for FFS claims submitted between July 1, 2022, and March 14, 2023. For claims submitted after March 14, OHA will automatically apply the new rate.

Questions?

If you have any questions about this announcement, please email Jason Daniels at jason.h.daniels@oha.oregon.gov.

Thank you for the care you provide for Oregon Health Plan members.