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**To:** Fee-for-service Administrative Examinations providers

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**Subject:** Rate increase for Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) Administrative Examinations codes

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is updating its FFS claim system to reflect new reimbursement rates effective July 1, 2022. OHA anticipates completing this work in January 2023. When this work is complete, OHA will let you know.

### Why is this happening?

The Oregon Legislature granted OHA state general funds to increase behavioral health (BH) rates in the existing FFS fee schedule by a net average of 30 percent. The intent of this increase is to address health inequities in Oregon's Medicaid behavioral health system and elevate quality and accountability by:

- Improving rate parity,
- Promoting person-directed care and community driven engagement,
- Improving care coordination for people with intensive behavioral health service needs,
- Incentivizing culturally responsive and linguistically appropriate services, and
- Improving and increasing workforce diversity and staff retention.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services approved the increase November 10, 2022.

### What should you do?

Once OHA confirms that its claim system is updated with the rate increase, please use **one** of these options to receive the rate increase for services rendered on or after July 1, 2022:

1. Bill at the higher amount identified in the updated [Administrative Examinations Fee Schedule](#).
2. Rebill at the higher amount services previously billed at the lower amount. This option allows providers to correct their billing and receive timely reimbursement.
3. Wait for OHA to reprocess previously submitted claims to apply the rate increase. With this option, providers would wait until February 2023 to process claims at the increased rates.

Throughout this process, OHA will post communications on the [Behavioral Health Rate Increase page](#).

### Questions?

- **About fee-for-service reimbursement:** Please contact [Provider Services](#) (800-336-6016).
- **About the rate increase and related program changes:** Please email [Medicaid Programs](#) or visit OHA's [Behavioral Health Rate Increase page](#).

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