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To: State and county staff who request authorization for Behavior Rehabilitation Services (BRS)

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Subject: Technical assistance for BRS prior authorization processes effective June 1, 2024

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) encourages staff to join the following Zoom meetings to share their questions and concerns about updates to BRS prior authorization and reauthorization processes.

Question and answer sessions with Comagine Health

OHA has contracted with Comagine Health to ensure BRS authorization requests are reviewed for medical necessity and medical appropriateness by a Licensed Practitioner of Healing Arts (LPHA). Register for these sessions if you have questions about the LPHA review process.

- Wednesday, June 5, 2024, 10 to 11 a.m.: [Link to register](#)
- Monday, June 10, 2024: 10 to 11 a.m.: [Link to register](#)

Technical assistance office hours with OHA

Use the following links to drop in and ask OHA questions about any portion of the new process:

- Monday, June 3, 2024, [10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.](#)
- Tuesday, June 4, 2024, [9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.](#)
- Thursday, June 6, 2024, [1 to 3 p.m.](#)
- Friday, June 7, 2024, [9 to 11 a.m.](#) and [1 to 3 p.m.](#)
- Monday, June 10, 2024, [1 to 2 p.m.](#)
- Tuesday, June 11, 2024, [1 to 3 p.m.](#)
- Wednesday, June 12, 2024, [11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.](#)
- Thursday, June 13, 2024, [1 to 3 p.m.](#)
- Friday, June 14, 2024, [3:30 to 5 p.m.](#)
- Monday, June 17, 2024, [10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.](#)
- Tuesday, June 18, 2024, [11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.](#)
- Thursday, June 20, 2024, [1 to 3 p.m.](#)
- Monday, June 24, 2024, [10 a.m. to 12 p.m.](#)
- Thursday, June 27, 2024, [1 to 3 p.m.](#)
- Monday, July 1, 2024, [10 a.m. to 12 p.m.](#)

- Friday, July 5, 2024, [9 to 11 a.m.](#)
- Monday, July 8, 2024, [4 to 5 p.m.](#)
- Thursday, July 18, 2024, [3:30 to 5 p.m.](#)
- Every Thursday, June 25, 2024, through October 4, 2024, [1 to 3 p.m.](#)

Why is this happening?

To align with both federal and state Medicaid requirements, all BRS require prior authorization to be covered by Medicaid funding. All OHA, Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) and Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) staff and county partners must understand and follow the updated processes to ensure appropriate use of Medicaid funds.

Questions?

If you have any questions about this announcement, please contact Amy Gordin at amy.gordin@oha.oregon.gov or 503-545-0885.

Thank you for your continued support of Oregon's continuum of care for children and the services you provide.