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To: Behavior Rehabilitation Service (BRS) providers
contracted with the Oregon Health Authority
County Juvenile Services, including, Parole and Probation
and Juvenile Court

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Subject: Attend required training to learn new BRS prior authorization processes effective June 1, 2024

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has scheduled a series of trainings that explain significant changes to the process for authorizing Behavior Rehabilitation Services (BRS) for youth in counties served by OHA-contracted providers to ensure compliance with Oregon Administrative Rule [410-170-0040](#).

- The change will be effective June 1, 2024.
- This training is required for any person who requests authorization for BRS services for county programs contracted with OHA.
- To avoid any delay or denial in reimbursement, it is important that all OHA-contracted BRS providers attend this training.

OHA will also provide technical assistance to help prepare providers for this change.

Why is this happening?

The training and updated processes will ensure OHA-contracted BRS providers comply with both federal and state Medicaid requirements. Services rendered without a PA will not be paid by OHA, this means all parties associated with BRS should understand this process. Clients who are not referred for a prior authorization will be unable to access BRS services covered by Medicaid.

What should you do?

Please have program staff and other county staff who request BRS authorizations register in one of the following trainings on how to navigate the PA process:

- 5/21: 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. Registration: <https://bit.ly/4a7IHnD>
- 5/22: 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. Registration: <https://bit.ly/4bc2eVA>
- 5/28: 9:30 – noon Registration: <https://bit.ly/4a6avsE>
- 5/30: 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. Registration: <https://bit.ly/3ycOwTL>
- 5/31: 10:00 – 12:30 p.m. Registration: <https://bit.ly/3QCGzO5>

Impacted BRS program and county staff are also encouraged to attend a meet and greet with the new Licensed Practitioner of Healing Arts (LPHA) contractor as part of the new authorization process:

- 5/13: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Link to zoom meeting*: <https://bit.ly/4a71mQJ>
- 5/14: 11:00 – noon Link to zoom meeting*: <https://bit.ly/3UQ9GQc>

*Registration is not required.

Questions?

If you have any questions about this announcement, 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.