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Memorandum

To: 1915(i) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) providers, Community Mental Health Programs (CMHP) and community partners who refer for 1915(i) HCBS

From: Jessica Anne Carroll, Fee-for-Service Operations & Quality Assurance manager

Date: Oct. 9, 2026

Subject: 1915(i) Community Based Integrated Supports (CBIS) Authorization Process

Effective Oct. 27, 2026, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will transition 1915(i) CBIS billed under H0046 through the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) from a Prior Authorization (PA) to a Plan of Care (POC). This means:

- All current MMIS Prior Authorizations (PAs) will have an end date of Oct. 26, 2026.
- Any MMIS PAs originally approved with an end date beyond Oct. 26 will have remaining approved services transferred to an MMIS POC with a start date of Oct. 27, 2026.

For new 1915(i) CBIS referrals:

- After the Independent Qualified Agent (IQA), Comagine Health, has determined the member eligible for 1915(i) HCBS and has authorized 1915(i) CBIS through the PCSP, the IQA will enter the approval in MMIS in the form of a POC.

- Once this has occurred, providers may render 1915(i) CBIS, and bill for services.
- OHA will reimburse for services rendered on or after the POC approval date.

The IQA will contact providers 60 days prior to the end of the MMIS POC to initiate the annual reassessment of need process.

Why is this happening?

These changes align 1915(i) CBIS authorizations with federal standards to ensure equitable access to services for qualified individuals.

What should you do?

Providers may submit claims against an MMIS PA through Oct. 26, 2026. Starting Oct. 27, 2026, providers must submit claims against an MMIS POC.

To enable a smooth transition to the MMIS POC process, providers and referring entities should:

- Share this memo with staff.
- Complete the [Registration Packet](#) to access the [Comagine Health Provider Portal](#) (CHPP).
- Submit referrals and supporting documentation through the CHPP.
- Review OAR 410-173-0010 and 410-173-0050 for 1915(i) eligibility and CBIS regulation.
- Inform individuals of the process to access 1915(i) CBIS.

Questions?

Contact the OHA 1915(i) Policy Team for questions about providing 1915(i) CBIS:

- **Email:** 1915i.MedicaidPolicy@odhsoha.oregon.gov
- **Voicemail:** 503-947-5474

Contact OHP Provider Services for questions about billing for 1915(i) CBIS:

- **Email:** DMAP.ProviderServices@odhsoha.oregon.gov
- **Phone:** 1-800-336-6016

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