



**Date:** December 14, 2022

**To:** Coordinated care organizations

**From:** Dave Inbody, CCO Operations director

**Subject:** Clarification about COD Provider certification references in 2023 contract

This communication is regarding the following language in the [2023](#) coordinated care organization (CCO) contract:

**Exhibit M – Behavioral Health  
Section 8, Co-Occurring Disorders**

Contractor shall ensure access to treatment for Co-Occurring Disorders (COD) for Members assessed at Levels 1 or 2 of the ASAM Criteria with Providers **certified** [emphasis added] by OHA for COD services, contingent upon the availability of one or more appropriately **certified** COD Providers in Contractor’s Service Area. Contractor shall ensure access to treatment for COD for Members assessed at Levels 3 or 4 of the ASAM Criteria with Providers **certified** or licensed<sup>1</sup> by OHA for COD services, contingent upon the availability of one or more appropriately **certified** or licensed Providers and regardless of whether the Provider is located in Contractor’s Service Area.

**Exhibit C – Consideration  
Section 1, Payment Types and Rates  
Paragraph d, Subparagraph (2), Sub-Subparagraph (c)**

*Co-Occurring Disorder (COD) Services Payment Increase:* This QDP provides a uniform payment increase for BH Participating Providers **certified** [emphasis added] by OHA for integrated treatment of Co-Occurring Disorders (COD) pursuant to OAR 309-019-0145. The amount of each payment increase covered by this QDP is specified in i. through iii. below of this Sub-Sub.Para. (c). The payment increase provided under this QDP must be in addition to any tiered payment rate increase that may be paid to a BH Participating Provider as described in Sub-Sub.Para. (a) above of this Sub.Para. (2).

When the above contract language was written, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) expected that Providers would be issued a COD Certificate of Approval (CoA) by the Licensing and Certification unit within OHA’s Health Systems Division (HSD). This unit has regulatory authority over residential and outpatient behavioral health facilities and programs. The term “certified” as used in the contract language cited above is in reference to the expectation that Providers would be issued a COD CoA by this unit.

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<sup>1</sup> OHA has not yet determined whether Providers of treatment programs subject to licensing by the Licensing and Certification unit will be *licensed* specifically as COD Providers by that unit or *approved* as COD Providers by the Behavioral Health unit. OHA expects to make a final determination in April 2023 and will promptly communicate the decision to CCOs.

OHA has since determined that Providers will not be issued a COD CoA by the Licensing and Certification unit. Rather, they will be approved as COD Providers through a process administered by the Integrated Co-Occurring Disorders team within HSD's Behavioral Health unit.

As a result, **OHA will interpret the term “certified” in the contract language cited above to mean “approved” with respect to COD Providers.**

OHA will post information about the COD Provider approval process on OHA's Integrated Co-Occurring Disorders [webpage](#) by December 31, 2022. By this same date, OHA will send a communication to CCOs about the mechanism by which CCOs will be notified about COD Providers approved by OHA.

### **Questions?**

If you have general questions about this communication, please contact Cheryl Henning, CCO Contracts Administrator, at [Cheryl.L.Henning@dhsoha.state.or.us](mailto:Cheryl.L.Henning@dhsoha.state.or.us).

If you have specific questions about the Integrated Co-Occurring Disorders program, please contact David Corse, Treatment Program Development Analyst, at [David.Corse@dhsoha.state.or.us](mailto:David.Corse@dhsoha.state.or.us).

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