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To: Individuals who request authorization for Behavior Rehabilitation Services

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Subject: Diagnostic assistance available effective Oct. 22, 2024

Starting Oct. 22, 2024, individuals who request Behavior Rehabilitation Services (BRS) authorizations follow the process below for youth who do not have an ICD-10 diagnosis code supporting the need for BRS:

Comagine Health will have a Licensed Practitioner of Healing Arts (LPHA), within the scope of their license, complete the review and attach applicable ICD-10 codes to the authorization request.

This review does not guarantee the identification of a code that supports a clinical need for BRS services. All forms can be found on OHA's BRS [website](#).

Why is this happening?

This will ensure youth approved for BRS have a documented diagnosis that supports BRS placement. Obtaining diagnostic assistance from the LPHA does not replace the requirement in OAR 410-170-0100(2)(b) of BRS providers to ensure that all health needs are met.

What should you do?

To learn more about how to request diagnosis code assistance, use this [link](#) to register for upcoming trainings.

Process for requesting diagnostic assistance:

Make appropriate attempts to obtain an ICD-10 diagnosis code that demonstrates the need for BRS from the following sources:

- Any of the member's current providers including primary care physician, mental health provider, substance abuse disorder provider or any other medical professionals working with the youth.
- The member's parent or guardian or case manager responsible for the ongoing care of the child.

If still unable to obtain an ICD-10 code requestors can:

- Complete the new [Request for Diagnosis Code Assistance](#) form,
- Attach all clinical documentation to the [BRS Authorization Request form](#), and
- Submit using the established process for BRS authorization or reauthorization requests.
 - ICD-10 code determination is available for BRS Reauthorizations (continued authorization) through June 2025.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please call 503-979-8354 or email BHMC@oha.oregon.gov.