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To: Residential Treatment Homes (RTH)
Residential Treatment Facilities (RTF)
Secure Residential Treatment Facilities (SRTF)
Young Adults in Transition (YAT) programs
Community Mental Health Program partners

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Subject: Final standardized adult mental health residential rates effective July 1, 2019

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) sent providers notification letters about the standardized rates effective July 1, 2019, specific to each residential location and its licensed capacity. The RTH/RTF rates include a new Tier 5 for individuals with a Level of Service inventory (LSI) score of 80 or above.

OHA also is drafting a temporary rule to [further revise Oregon Administrative Rule 410-172-0705](#) to:

- Allow RTH and RTF providers to request Tier 5 reimbursement for individuals with LSI scores lower than 80, based upon severity, intensity, frequency and duration of need criteria. This will require concurrent review for medical necessity by OHA and the Independent and Qualified Agent (IQA); and
- Increase the average daily engagement hours required for Tier 5 care from 8 to 10 hours.

Rates for YAT and SRTF providers do not include Tier 5.

Why is this happening?

The new acuity tier and increased engagement hours address the frequent monitoring and redirection that severe medical, behavioral and cognitive complications required for RTH/RTF providers to sustain individual treatment and self-care. YAT and SRTF rates are already adjusted for the higher staffing their programs require.

What should you do?

For individuals who require a Tier 5 level of care, the RTH/RTF provider must submit the following documentation to OHA via secure email at MentalHealth.ResidentialTransition@dhsosha.state.or.us:

- Most recent LSI and Level of Care Utilization System (LOCUS) assessments;
- Current treatment plan, Person-Centered Service Plan (PCSP) and mental health assessment;
- A one-page synopsis from the provider explaining how the proposed services meet the needs identified in the PCSP;
- A one-page synopsis from the CMHP affirming the need for intensive services;
- Current history and physical (for exceptional service rate requests based on medical needs);
- Current risk assessment (if applicable);
- Relevant incident reports; and
- Last 60 days' worth of progress notes.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact MentalHealth.ResidentialTransition@dhsosha.state.or.us.

Thank you for your continued service and support to our most vulnerable individuals facing mental health challenges.