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To: Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) Providers

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Subject: GEMT Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) Supplemental Payment Program Status

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has learned that the system configurations to support automated, uniform payments for the GEMT CCO Supplemental Payment Program will not be completed by July 1, 2021, as originally planned.

OHA continues all work needed to implement the system design and configuration requirements. Once OHA confirms a new effective date for completion of these changes, we will let you know.

Why is this happening?

In accordance with 42 CFR §438.6(c) and OHA's approved Preprint, the supplemental payments for the new GEMT CCO Supplemental Payment program must be uniform dollar amounts, and all providers must be paid the same amount for each approved procedure code. The system changes to support this requirement were delayed due to limited staff availability during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

What should you do?

Please see the GEMT CCO Supplemental Payment Program Frequently Asked Questions document now available on the [GEMT web page](#). OHA will post all program updates to this page.

In the meantime, please engage your local CCO(s) in contractual relationships that fulfill the federal requirements for Medicaid supplemental payments. Specifically, CCO contracts should include:

- No specific rates for GEMT services;
- An effective date of January 1, 2021;
- Acknowledgement that the CCO provides covered services to CCO members; and
- The supplemental payments are based on the services provided.

GEMT providers will be required to provide OHA attestation of their existing contracts.

Questions?

If you have any questions about this announcement, please email GEMT.Program@dhsoha.state.or.us.

Thank you for your continued support of the Oregon Health Plan and the services you provide to our members.