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To: Fee-for-service (FFS) behavioral health providers
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Subject: Prior authorization requirement for Intensive In-Home Behavioral Health Treatment (IIBHT)

Effective immediately, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is deferring enforcement of the IIBHT prior authorization requirements described in:

- Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) [410-172-0695\(11\)\(b\)](#) and [410-172-0650\(4\)\(i\)](#) and
- Exhibit B, Part 2, Section 3, Paragraph b (6) and Exhibit M, Section 22 of the [CCO contract](#).

OHA will pursue permanent removal of IIBHT PA requirements as follows:

- Through permanent rule revision for IIBHT OARs, and
- Removing IIBHT PA requirements from the 2024 CCO contract.

What should you do?

Please stop sending prior authorization requests to OHA's third-party contractor Comagine or contact the member's CCO to confirm PA requirement for CCO members. This applies to previously submitted PA requests as well.

This enforcement deferral does not relieve providers or CCOs of any other requirements relating to IIBHT described in the applicable OARs and the CCO contract. Please continue to serve eligible youth as permitted by OAR and contract.

Questions?

- **Providers serving FFS members:** Contact [Provider Services](#) (800-336-6016, Option 5). Provider Services is available Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- **Providers serving CCO members:** Contact the [CCO](#).
- **CCOs:** For general questions, [please email Cheryl Henning](#), CCO Contracts Administrator.

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