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Memorandum

To: Oregon Health Plan (OHP) providers, family planning clinics, and coordinated care organizations (CCOs)

From: Nathan Roberts, Hospital and Professional Services Policy manager; Dave Inbody, CCO Operations director

Date: July 31, 2026

Subject: Reimbursement for nitrous oxide during in-office medical procedures effective Aug. 1, 2026

As of Aug. 1, 2026, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has expanded Oregon Health Plan (OHP) coverage of nitrous oxide to include use during in-office medical procedures as described in [Ancillary Guideline A7](#) for the Prioritized List of Health Services. The fee-for-service reimbursement rate for nitrous oxide is \$44.08.

Why is this happening?

Underestimating patient pain during medical procedures contributes to patient distrust and avoidance of care. More meaningful pain control options can address these issues. Nitrous oxide can reduce both pain and anxiety during in-office medical procedures, with rapid onset and quick recovery.

This change furthers OHA's commitment to ensuring OHP members have a range of patient-centered, trauma-informed pain control options during in-office medical procedures.

What should you do?

- **Providers:** Bill OHP for nitrous oxide used during in-office medical procedures. Use CPT code 01999 (general anesthesia) and the modifier QS.
- **CCOs:** Ensure your claims processing systems are configured to reimburse for nitrous oxide for use during medical procedures provided in office settings.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact Jason Daniels at jason.h.daniels@oha.oregon.gov.

If you have questions about fee-for-service claims, call Provider Services at 800-336-6016 (option 5) or email DMAP.ProviderServices@oha.oregon.gov.

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