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To: Out-of-hospital birth providers

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Subject: OHA plans to end physical health disenrollment for out-of-hospital birth services in early 2020

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) plans to end physical health disenrollment for coordinated care organization (CCO) members who receive out-of-hospital birth (OOHB) services from a non-CCO provider. This change will occur during the first quarter of 2020 (not January 1, 2020, as previously discussed).

Once implemented, this change means:

- When OHA authorizes payment for OOHB services, disenrollment from CCO physical health plans (CCOA) will no longer be required. “CCOA” members will remain in “CCOA” enrollment and no longer be changed to “CCOG.”
- OHA will remain the payer for OOHB services. CCOs will not be assuming this responsibility. Providers should bill the state directly. Claims for OOHB services will be paid by OHA as a CCO carveout.

This policy change will apply to requests for OOHB authorization that OHA receives after the effective date is announced. For members currently receiving OOHB services, OHA will not change their “CCOG” enrollment at implementation. Instead, their enrollment will return to “CCOA” as follows:

- For out-of-hospital births, 60 days after their pregnancy ends; or,
- For births requiring in-hospital delivery, on the day of delivery. The CCO is then responsible for care coordination, approval and payment for hospital services.

Why is this happening?
The recent Oregon Administrative Rule changes for the Division 141 rules removed the disenrollment requirement effective January 1, 2020. However, OHA is delaying implementation to help CCOs prepare for the change and will give advance notice of the implementation date in future communications.

What should you do?
No new action is required on your part. Please continue to seek approval from OHA as described in the Out-of-Hospital Birth Reimbursement Guide and Medical-Surgical administrative rules.

Questions?
If you have any questions about this announcement, contact the Provider Services Unit at dmap.providerservices@dhsoha.state.or.us or call 800-336-6016 (Option 5). We are available Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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