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Memorandum

To: Secure Residential Treatment Facility (SRTF) Providers,
Community Mental Health Program (CMHP) Care Coordinators,
Oregon State Hospital

From: Jessica Carroll, FFS Operations and Quality Assurance
manager

Date: May 18, 2026

Subject: Changes to SRTF concurrent stay authorization
timeframes effective June 1, 2026

Starting June 1, 2026, the SRTF authorization process for concurrent stays will change as follows:

- Requests to review will be due 30 days before the end of each 90-day Plan of Care (POC) period, not 45 days before.
- In the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS), the POC end date of the current stay will be extended another 90 days. Concurrent stays will no longer require a new POC entry.

There is no change to the process for SRTF pre-authorizations or other timeframes for assessing SRTF medical necessity/medical appropriateness.

The Independent and Qualified Agent (Comagine Health) will continue to complete a Functional Needs Assessment and Person-Centered Service Plan upon SRTF admission, annually or when there is a change in condition.

Why is this happening?

This change is to support implementation of the interRAI on July 31, 2026.

- The new 30-day timeframe aligns the initial concurrent review with all subsequent concurrent reauthorizations.
- Extending the existing POC for concurrent stays supports a more consistent reference for billing throughout an individual's stay.

What should you do?

On and after June 1, 2026, please be sure to request SRTF authorizations as follows:

- For initial SRTF pre-authorizations, no later than 45 days before the end of the current approval period for SRTF medical necessity/appropriateness. This supports current court processes related to SRTF placement approval.
- For authorization of concurrent SRTF stays, no later than 30 days before the end of the current POC.

Questions?

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