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Subject: Discontinuation of therapeutic foster care code S5146, effective March 1, 2023

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will remove billing code S5146 (Therapeutic Foster Care) from the Behavioral Health [Fee-For-Service Fee Schedule](#) effective March 1, 2023. Providers may no longer use this code to bill OHA on or after that date.

Why is this happening?

This change will align the Behavioral Health Fee Schedule with billing rules effective 2012 through 2015, which indicate this benefit is no longer covered by Medicaid in Oregon.

Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members in foster care settings may receive medically appropriate therapy and other behavioral health supports through outpatient programs. Members can learn more about how to access benefits by:

- Visiting OHP.Oregon.gov (click “Use Your OHP”),
- Contacting their coordinated care organization, or
- Calling OHP Client Services at 1-800-273-0557.

What should you do?

Please stop billing for services with code S5146 by March 1, 2023. Please refer to the current Behavioral Health Fee Schedule for other codes you may use for the services you provide.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your patience as we continue to make system improvements.

Questions?

If you have any questions about this announcement, contact the Medicaid Programs Unit at medicaid.programs@odhsoha.oregon.gov.

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