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To: Coordinated care organizations

From: Lori Coyner, Medicaid Director  
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Subject: Transition of care for returning out-of-state foster children

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is working with the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) to evaluate when and how Oregon’s out-of-state foster children can be served in Oregon.

◼ There are currently 66 children and youth in out-of-state residential treatment facilities.
◼ Over the past 60 days OHA’s contractor, Comagine, has conducted independent assessments of each child or youth placed out-of-state. DHS will transition children and youth back to Oregon to appropriate levels of care based on clinical recommendations and individual safety needs. Some youth will have planful transitions to family, some will require foster care, others will meet criteria for Behavior Rehabilitation Services (BRS), Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services (PRTS) or Secure Adolescent Inpatient Program/Secure Children’s Inpatient Program (SAIP/SCIP) levels of care.
◼ We want to thank you in advance for working with us to ensure each child or youth who is eligible for enrollment in a coordinated care organization (CCO) receives timely and coordinated care.

Here is what you need to know:

◼ DHS, with assistance from OHA’s CCO account representatives, will enroll all eligible youth into CCOs. (Youth who return to an Oregon PRTS facility cannot enroll into a CCO until discharge and will remain Fee-For-Service/Open Card until eligible for enrollment).
◼ Your account representative will notify your behavioral health intensive care coordinator, CEO, & COO by email. The email notification will identify the specific youth being enrolled with your CCO and include a DHS Child Welfare contact for care coordination.
◼ The 834 file will also include these new enrollments. Child Welfare members (GA) have PERC 19.

What should you do?

Going forward, OHA and Child Welfare will work together to ensure consistency in keeping children and youth enrolled in their CCO, even if they temporarily reside out-of-state for care. CCOs should:

◼ Ensure that all levels of care, including care that occurs outside of the CCO service area, are coordinated and accessible;
◼ Ensure timely, and if appropriate, expedited physical, behavioral and oral health assessments; and
◼ Coordinate physical, behavioral, oral and non-emergency medical transportation services.
**Questions?**  
For information about treatments provided out of state, contact Vanity Massey, DHS Compliance Specialist (971-673-5634 or vanity.e.massey@dhsoha.state.or.us).

For information regarding eligibility/enrollment, contact Shelly Watts, DHS Medical Assistance Resource Coordinator (503-945-6613 or MARC@dhsoha.state.or.us) or Katie Beck, OHA Managed Care Delivery System Manager (503-990-5172 or katie.m.beck@dhsoha.state.or.us).