



**Date:** May 16, 2019

**To:** Residential treatment facilities (RTF)  
Residential treatment homes (RTH)  
Secure residential treatment facilities (SRTF)  
Young Adults in Transition (YAT) programs  
Community mental health programs (CMHP)  
Contracted mental health rehabilitation providers

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**Subject:** UPDATE: Changes to billing for rehabilitation services effective July 1, 2019

On April 5, 2019, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) [shared the billing and authorization changes that will become effective July 1, 2019](#) when the draft standardized rates are finalized and implemented. This letter is to provide clarification that:

- You must request authorization and bill using only the service-specific procedure codes for services provided on or after July 1, 2019.
- You can bill using the bundled codes for services provided before July 1, 2019, **and** for existing authorizations that use the bundled codes (but only for the remainder of the 6-month approval period).
- The changes do **not** affect Enhanced Care Services (ECS) for individuals in DHS long-term care settings. On and after July 1, ECS providers should bill and request authorization as they do today.
- As of April 5, KEPRO, OHA's Independent and Qualified Agent (IQA), is only approving new and pending authorization requests that use bundled codes through June 30, 2019.

### Why is this happening?

OHA decided to allow existing authorizations with bundled codes to remain valid, even if they extend past July 1, 2019, but for no longer than the 6-month approval period. We hope this decision makes the transition to service-specific authorizations and billing easier.

### What should you do?

Please refer to [the April 5 memo](#) for guidance and resources related to billing and requesting authorization using service-specific procedure codes. For all existing authorizations, please be sure to request continued authorization using service-specific codes before the 6-month approval period runs out.

### Questions?

If you have any questions, please email the Rate Standardization Project Team at [MentalHealth.ResidentialTransition@dhsaha.state.or.us](mailto:MentalHealth.ResidentialTransition@dhsaha.state.or.us).