

Memorandum

To: Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services (PRTS) providers
Sub-Acute Program providers
Secure Inpatient Program (SIP) providers

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Subject: OHA does not cover per diem rate for days youth are not in residential care

Effective immediately, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will not reimburse providers the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) fee-for-service per diem rate for any day a youth is temporarily out of residential care. This includes absences due to:

- Home time as part of the youth's treatment plan, or
- When the youth is missing, in juvenile justice custody or in hospital care.

This applies to OHA's fee-for-service reimbursement for:

- PRTS and Sub-Acute Program care for youth not enrolled in a coordinated care organization (CCO) for OHP behavioral health services, and
- All SIP care for OHP members. "SIP" refers to both secure inpatient programs for children and adolescents as defined in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) [309-022-0105\(92\)](#).

Providers can bill OHA the fee-for-service rate for outpatient care they provide during the youth's temporary absence.

Why is this happening?

OAR [410-120-1280\(7\)\(j\)\(D\)](#) prohibits providers from billing for services they did not provide. This includes billing residential days when youth are not in residential care.

What should you do?

When a youth is temporarily absent from residential care:

- Only bill OHA the per diem rate if the youth spent at least 8 hours that day in residential care **and** returned to the facility by 11:59 p.m. the same day.
- If appropriate, bill OHA for outpatient care provided to the youth and family during home time. Refer to the [Behavioral Health Fee Schedule](#) and [OAR chapter 410](#), divisions 120 and 172.

For example:

Situation	Bill Per Diem?	Bill Outpatient Care?
Youth in care for less than 8 hours Did not return to the facility by 11:59 p.m.	No	Yes, if the facility provided services during absence.
Youth in care for 8 hours or more Returned to the facility by 11:59 p.m.	Yes	No

Questions?

- **About billing for PRTS and Sub-Acute care for youth in a CCO for behavioral health care:** Contact the youth's [CCO](#).
- **About fee-for-service billing:** Visit the OHP [Billing](#) and [Tools for Providers](#) pages, or call Provider Services at 1-800-336-6016.

If you have other questions about this memo please email Medicaid.Programs@odhsoha.oregon.gov.