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**To:** Behavioral health treatment programs  
Substance use disorder treatment programs

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**Subject:** Fee-for-service rate increase for Medicaid behavioral health services, effective July 1, 2022

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is updating its fee-for-service claim system to reflect new reimbursement rates effective July 1, 2022. The increase:

- Applies to behavioral health services rendered on or after July 1, 2022.
- Is a net average of 30 percent for rates listed in the current [Behavioral Health Fee Schedule](#).

OHA aims to have the net 30 percent increase completed by December 30, 2022. Rate increases for fee schedule additions such as culturally and linguistically specific services (CLSS) and integrated co-occurring disorders services may take longer to complete, but no later than January 2023. When this work is complete, OHA will:

- Post communications on the [Behavioral Health Rate Increase page](#).
- Update the Behavioral Health Fee Schedule with the new rates.
- Adjust rates for adult mental health residential billing codes T1020 and T2033, retroactive to July 1, 2022.

### Why is this happening?

The Oregon Legislature granted OHA funding to address health inequities in Oregon's Medicaid behavioral health system and elevate quality and accountability by:

- Improving rate parity,
- Promoting person-directed care and community-driven engagement,
- Improving care coordination for people with intensive behavioral health service needs,
- Incentivizing culturally and linguistically specific services, and
- Improving and Increasing workforce diversity and staff retention.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid services approved the rate increase November 10, 2022.

### What should you do once the rate updates are complete?

**Adult mental health residential providers:** OHA or Comagine Health may ask you to rebill on the plan of care to receive the higher amount. Submit any unbilled claims for reimbursement at this time.

**Other behavioral health providers:** Bill new claims at the higher amount identified in the forthcoming [Behavioral Health Fee Schedule](#). For previously submitted, claims, use **one** of these options:

1. Adjust the claims for timely reimbursement.
2. Wait for OHA to reprocess the claims. This will be three or four weeks after the system updates.

## Questions?

- **About fee-for-service reimbursement:** Please contact [Provider Services](#) (800-336-6016).
- **About the rate increases:** Please email [Medicaid Programs](#) or visit OHA's [Behavioral Health Rate Increase page](#)

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