

Behavioral Health Provider Directed Payment Increase

Effective January 1, 2023, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) implemented four behavioral health-directed payments (BHDP's) within the CCO contracts that will further the goals and priorities of the Medicaid program. For 2026, OHA has updated their guidance for the BHDP as reflected below:

1. Tiered Uniform Rate Increase Directed Payment based on Team Based Care.

The Directed Payment is limited to ACT/SE service, Mental Health Non-Inpatient, and SUD Categories of Service listed in the OHP BH Fee Schedule. For further details see 2026 OHA BHDP guidance document.

Team Based Care Providers: CMHP's which provide ACT/SE, IIBHT, and/or EASA automatically qualify and do not need to submit an attestation. All other providers must hold a Certificate of Approval (COA) from OHA, at least 50% of BH service revenue derived from providing Medicaid services in the prior CY, and deliver team based care to include all the following: psychiatric and/or addiction medicine services, peer delivered services, and case management services. Attested team based care providers will be paid at a rate of 110% of the OHP BH Fee Schedule effective January 2026.

Providers who do not meet team based care will be paid at their contracted rate.

2. Co-Occurring Disorder Directed Payment – requiring certification by the state.

The Directed Payment is limited to SUD Residential, Mental Health Non-Inpatient, and SUD Categories of Service listed in the OHP BH Fee Schedule. For further details see 2026 OHA BHDP COD guidance document.

10% increase of the OHP BH Fee Schedule effective January 2026 for covered non-residential services by Qualified Mental Health Associates, Peers, or SUD Treatment staff as defined in OAR 309-019-0105.

15% increase of the OHP BH Fee Schedule effective January 2026 for SUD residential and intensive outpatient services.

20% increase of the OHP BH Fee Schedule effective January 2026 for covered non-residential services by Qualified Mental Health Professionals, Licensed Healthcare Professionals, or Mental Health Interns as defined in OAR 309-019-0105.

3. CLSS Directed Payment – requiring certification by the state.

The Directed Payment is limited to ACT/SE services, ABA, Mental Health Non-Inpatient, MH Children's Wraparound, SUD, and SUD Residential Categories of Service listed in the OHP BH Fee Schedule. For further details see 2025 OHA BHDP CLSS guidance document.

22% increase of the OHP BH Fee Schedule effective January 2026 for Non-Rural qualifying providers.

27% increase of the OHP BH Fee Schedule effective January 2026 for Rural qualifying providers.

For more information, please review:

[OHA's webpage about the Behavioral Health Rate Increase for Medicaid Providers.](#)

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