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Subject: AFH rate setting changes effective January 1, 2016

Beginning January 1, 2016, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will reimburse AFH providers according to the 2015-19 SEIU collective bargaining agreement (*now pending ratification*).

Changes from previous contract years include:

- Rates will be based on Level of Service Inventory (LSI) score, not Level of Care Utilization System (LOCUS[®]) score.
- New form for exceptional needs rate requests

There are no changes to OHA’s service authorization requirements and process. Information about changes effective January 1, and reminders about authorization requirements are listed below.

LSI-based rates effective January 1, 2016

OHA does not intend to extend LOCUS[®]-based rates beyond December 31, 2015. Effective January 1, 2016, OHA will assign rates based on LSI scores as shown below (from Appendix B of the 2015-19 collective bargaining agreement).

LSI score	0-34	35-79	80-100
Base rate	\$1,750.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,800.00
Add-on 1	\$1,794.00	\$2,277.00	\$2,926.00
Add-on 2	\$1,839.00	\$2,357.00	\$3,058.00
Add-on 3	\$1,885.00	\$2,439.00	\$3,195.00
Add-on 4	\$1,982.00	\$2,525.00	\$3,339.00
Add-on 5	\$1,980.00	\$2,613.00	\$3,489.00
Add-on 6	\$2,029.00	\$2,704.00	\$3,646.00
Add-on 7	-	\$2,799.00	\$3,810.00

In order to assign LSI-based rates for January 1, OHA must receive a completed LSI for all Medicaid-funded AFH residents by December 18, 2015. If any residents do not have a completed LSI, the AFH provider should contact the resident’s CMHP immediately. CMHP contact information for each county is located at www.oregon.gov/oha/amh/pages/cmh-programs.aspx.

The CMHP will administer the LSI and send the score to OHA. If exceptional circumstances prevent administration of the LSI, the CMHP and provider may contact OHA to negotiate a temporary January 1 rate, to remain effective until the LSI is completed.

Use new form to submit Exceptional Needs Rate Requests

To request an exceptional needs rate for service or supports that cannot be provided based on the existing rate table, providers will need to submit a completed Exceptional Needs Rate Request form (OHA 3982 – [Word](#) or [PDF](#)) to OHA.

This new form and all other required forms are located on the OHA website at www.oregon.gov/oha/healthplan/Pages/behavioralhealth.aspx.

Authorization requirements and process remain the same

The authorization requirements and process described in OAR 410-172-0600 through 410-172-0720 remain the same. The Plan of Care Request ([OHA 8069](#)) also lists what you need to submit to request authorization of adult foster care personal care/habilitation services.

- OHA can only approve requests that include a LOCUS[®] level of care recommendation supporting admission to an AFH, and a completed LSI ([OHA 3980](#)).
- OHA does not consider a request for a fixed episode of care or standardized length of stay to be medically appropriate. OHA will approve lengths of stay based on an assessment of individual need and the medical appropriateness of the proposed time needed for care.

Within 10 business days of receiving a complete request that includes both LOCUS[®] and LSI assessments, OHA will review the request and issue a written notice to the provider that explains the status of the request. The notice will include the LSI and LOCUS[®] scores used in OHA's determination. If approved, the notice will also include the approved rate.

Providers with questions or concerns about LOCUS[®] or LSI scores/rates should follow the process described in the collective bargaining agreement.

Questions?

- **About authorization requirements, LOCUS[®], or LSI:** Call the Quality Assurance and Clinical Services Unit at 1-800-642-8635.
- **About claims, payment or billing:** Call the Provider Services Unit at 1-800-336-6016.
- **About the collective bargaining agreement:** Call the SEIU Member Resource Center at 1-877-637-2611.

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