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To: Out-of-hospital birth providers

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Subject: Planned out-of-hospital births will require prior authorization starting December 1, 2015

Starting December 1, 2015, all births planned for delivery in settings other than a hospital (*e.g.*, home births) will require prior authorization (PA) by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

OHA will review PA requests for fee-for-service members and for coordinated care organization (CCO) members seeking CCO disenrollment for the purpose of an out-of-hospital birth. For CCO members approved for out-of-hospital births, OHA will use the PA documentation to process the CCO disenrollment. A separate disenrollment request will not be required.

Why is this happening?

This change will allow the Division to verify that each out-of-hospital birth meets the risk criteria outlined in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 410-130-0240 of the Division's [Medical-Surgical guidelines](#). As OAR 410-130-0240(4)(b) states:

For out-of-hospital births, the Division may only consider payment for labor and delivery care of women experiencing low risk pregnancy. The Division will determine whether a pregnancy can be considered low risk and an out-of-hospital birth is eligible for payment[.]

What should you do?

To request PA for out-of-hospital births:

- Complete the [MSC 3971](#) (DHS/OHA Prior Authorization Request Form). In Section II, mark the "Other" field and list "Out of hospital birth." Fax the completed request under a completed [EDMS Coversheet](#) to 503-378-5814 (Salem); OR
- Submit the request through the Provider Web Portal at <https://www.or-medicaid.gov>. Select PA Assignment "10 – Out of Hospital Births."

To give us time to verify documentation of risk criteria, please submit full documentation for each request no later than 27 weeks' gestation.

Also see [OAR 410-130-0240\(4\)\(b-h\)](#) to learn more about risk criteria and requirements related to out-of-hospital births. See [OAR 410-141-3060\(6\)\(b\)](#) to learn more about CCO disenrollment requirements for the purpose of having an out-of-hospital birth.

Questions?

If you have any questions about this announcement, contact the Provider Services Unit at dmap.providerservices@state.or.us or call 1-800-336-6016. We are available Monday through Friday, anytime between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (including lunch hours).

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