

**Office of Child Welfare Programs**

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**Topic:** Foster Care

**Subject:** New referral form for Behavioral Rehabilitation Services (BRS)

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees                  | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging             | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services                                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families      | Disabilities Services (ODDS)                                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other ( <i>please specify</i> ): Child Welfare Programs |

**Message:**

Form [CF 1055](#), the new Behavioral Rehabilitation Services (BRS) Referral, has been created with input from both BRS providers and DHS staff to ensure that the most important and necessary information is accessible during the entirety of the BRS referral process. Caseworkers should complete the form and send with all additional documentation when referring for placement in a BRS program. The form can now be found in the [DHS Forms server](#).

This form should be used immediately when making BRS referrals rather than the OR-Kids generated 6713 form.

Per [Oregon Administrative Rules 410-170-0010](#), “the purpose of the BRS Program is to remediate the BRS client’s debilitating psychosocial, emotional and behavioral disorders by providing such services as behavioral intervention, counseling, and skills-training. These rules describe the general program requirements for the BRS program, prior authorization process, services and placement related activities, BRS contractor and BRS provider requirements, reimbursement rates, and compliance and oversight activities.”

Prior to placing a Child in a BRS Program, DHS must receive prior authorization to receive the contracted services. Per OAR 410-170-0040(2)(B), a child must have “a determination by a designated LPHA that the BRS program is medically appropriate to

meet his or her medical needs” by analyzing certain factors. These factors can be found in OAR 410-170-0040 (4)(a-j). Additionally, once a child is approved for placement by the LPHA, a formalized referral is made directly to BRS programs who need to have pertinent information to make an informed decision about the appropriateness of placement.

*If you have any questions about this information, contact:*

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