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**Number:** CW-PT-14-001

**Issue Date:** 1/15/14

**Topic:** Foster Care

**Transmitting (check the box that best applies):**

- New policy   
  Policy change   
  Policy clarification   
  Executive letter  
 Administrative Rule   
  Manual update   
  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- All DHS employees                     
  County Mental Health Directors  
 Area Agencies on Aging               
  Health Services  
 Aging and People with Disabilities   
  Office of Developmental  
 Children, Adults and Families        
 Disabilities Services (ODDS)  
 County DD Program Managers        
  Other (*please specify*):

Policy/rule title:	Behavior Rehabilitation Services Program		
Policy/rule number(s):	OAR 413-090-0055 thru 0090	Release no:	
Effective date:	1-1-14	Expiration:	
Web Address:	<a href="http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/implement/i-e5111.pdf">http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/implement/i-e5111.pdf</a>		

**Discussion/interpretation:** The Department of Human Services, the Oregon Youth Authority and the Oregon Health Authority jointly developed sets of administrative rules describing Behavioral Rehabilitation Services (BRS). These rules become effective January 1, 2014. For DHS staff, OAR 413-090-0055 through 413-090-0090 apply, as well as OHA rules [OAR 410-170-0000 through 410-170-0120](#).

The OHA rules fully describe the Behavioral Rehabilitation Services, types of BRS care, and the placement related activities that are provided in conjunction with behavior rehabilitation.

The DHS rules describe the requirements specific to a child in the care or custody of the Department and the unique requirements for a dependent child.

## **Implementation/transition instructions:**

These rules standardize the BRS programs among the three agencies and ensure standard practice to Medicaid requirements among the three agencies.

These rules have been developed and now include the ability to pay a contracted BRS provider for an absent day, defined in OAR 413-090-0065 (1). This is a type of payment that can be used on a limited basis and within the parameters of the administrative rules, when a BRS client is not physically in the program, but the plan is for the child to return, AND the child's placement is not being paid through other means. An example would be when a child enters the hospital for a tonsillectomy. The two days the child is in the hospital could be paid at the Absent Day rate.

In order for a BRS provider to invoice the Department for an Absent Day, both the child's caseworker and the contract administrator (a Central Office Compliance Specialist or the Target Coordinator) must approve. If you have questions about whether the request for an Absent Day can be approved, please contact one of the Compliance Specialists, Lynn Matthews at 503-945-6638, Nicole K. Hall at 503-945-6690 or the Target Coordinator, Matthew Rasmussen at 503-945-6213.

Please note that this is a service, not a placement. The Caseworker and Compliance Specialist or Target Coordinator need to approve the invoiced amount, and ensure that the provider is not billing both for the daily rate and the Absent Day rate for the same date.

**Training/communication plan:** In addition to this Policy Transmittal, staff will be available at the January Supervisor and Permanency Quarterlies and will be available to branch offices for additional training.

**Local/branch action required:** Review these sets of administrative rules.

**Central office action required:** Staff will be available at Supervisor and Permanency Quarterlies and will come to branch offices for additional staff training on the process and procedure for a BRS referral, as well as the service array these rules describe.

**Field/stakeholder review:**  Yes  No

**If yes, reviewed by:** Rule Advisory Committee, Policy Council and a public hearing.

## **Filing Instructions:**

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

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