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Addictions and Mental Health Division

TO: County Mental Health Programs
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RE: Clarification on “other licensed practitioners”

The Addictions and Mental Health Division (AMH) has recently been reminding providers that all outpatient mental health services reimbursed by Medicaid must be prescribed by a physician or other licensed practitioner. This is most often accomplished by having the qualified practitioner sign the treatment plan to demonstrate compliance with CFR 440.130(d). During these discussions, AMH has been asked to clarify the practitioners determined to be “other licensed practitioners” in the State of Oregon. AMH suggested a conservative approach of using Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 430.010(4)(a) as guidance while more research on the subject could be completed.

AMH has consulted internally and determined that when services are provided by a Community Mental Health Program, outpatient services may be prescribed by Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs) and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFTs) along with those practitioners described in ORS 430.010(4)(a) (licensed physician, licensed psychologist, registered nurse practitioner and licensed clinical social worker) and still be in compliance with the federal and state rules cited above.

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