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To: BHD Residential Treatment Homes
BHD Residential Treatment Facilities
BHD Secure Residential Treatment Facilities
Community Mental Health Programs

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Subject: Oregon Administrative Rule updates

Effective July 1, 2024, The Oregon Health Authority is implementing permanent Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 309, division 035 related to licensure of Mental Health Residential Treatment Homes and Residential Treatment Facilities. Please click on the link below to access the rule changes.

Bulletin link: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/Pages/Mental-Health-Rules.aspx>

Why is this happening?

Changes to OAR 309-035 were necessary to adopt standards for the maintenance and usage of opioid antagonist medications for the emergency treatment of suspected overdoses. Errors were noted in previous filing that altered certain program qualities, and IBL requirements.

Changes

Changes to the rules include:

- Added training requirement.
- Corrected errors in program qualities and obligations for SRTFs.
- Corrected error in IBL requirement for when modifications are required by a court, OHA, CMHP, PSRB or under ORS 161 or 426.

Questions

If you have questions, please contact your assigned compliance specialist or the Mental Health Licensing & Certification Team at HSD.MH.ComplaintsTA@oha.oregon.gov.