



UPDATE: 07-09 COLA Amendments

Thanks to all of you who are watching for and signing the amendments quickly when you receive them. This will assist in the next steps which is processing your payments.

07-09 COLA Amendments:

- The COLA for Harney, Jackson, Lane, Linn, Polk, Washington, and EOHSC has been re-entered into the system. The verification process has been completed, and if you haven't received your amendments, there will be there shortly.
- We are continuing to process the three remaining counties, Clackamas, Marion, and Multnomah.

Disbursement of 07-09 Funds:

- **African-American Mental Health Program:** this agreement was sent to OHSU for review and signature on February 8, 2008.
- **Network of Care Website:** DOJ recommended changes have been incorporated into the RFP. The new draft RFP is being reviewed and will be returned to DOJ for approval the early part of next week.
- **Early Psychosis Funding:** this language is still at DOJ. We have prepared the funding requests in advance and upon DOJ approval, we will take the steps necessary to prepare amendments and release the funding immediately.

Pending Funding Requests:

- We have processed most funding requests that have AMH Management approval dates thru December 31, 2007. (This does not include situations where AMH is reducing funding, these transactions will be processed in the future.) Remaining funding requests are being verified for accuracy.

Upcoming Events: During the first week of March, staff from the Contracts Unit, the Operations Policy & Procedure Unit within AMH,

and the DHS Contracts & Procurement Office will be meeting to review the AMH business process surrounding "Funding Requests". We will be seeking ways to improve the process, with an emphasis on accuracy and timeliness of payments for counties and providers. I believe we have an opportunity to improve the process resulting in a benefit to everyone.

Please feel free to contact me with comments or questions.

Thank you,

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