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To: Community Stakeholders, Contractors, and Partners

From: Royce Bowlin, Behavioral Health Director, Health Policy & Analytics   
and  
Chris Norman, Director of Integrated Health Programs, Health Systems Division 

RE: Use of LOCUS in Licensed Adult Residential Programs and Adult Foster Homes

As many of you are aware, the Oregon State Hospital (OSH) is no longer using the Level of Care Utilization Screening (LOCUS), for patients transitioning into the community. Instead, OSH identifies service and care needs, making it easier for community partners to provide services in the most integrated setting possible. This has led to some confusion regarding whether or not the LOCUS should still be administered in the community.

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has contracted with KEPRO to do Utilization Review and Medicaid service determinations for patients discharging from OSH, and for those individuals receiving treatment in the following licensed residential care settings:

- Secure Residential Treatment Facilities (SRTF)
- Residential Treatment Facilities (RTF)
- Residential Treatment Homes (RTF)

For individuals in these settings, the LOCUS is no longer required, as KEPRO performs person centered need and care assessments. For those individuals residing in Adult Foster Homes (AFH), KEPRO uses both the LOCUS and the Level of Service Inventory (LSI) to determine eligibility for services.

We think this change will result in less work for our partners and a more efficient transition process for the individuals we serve.

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