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Memorandum

To: Agencies providing mental health services to OHP youth
From: Kathy Savicki, Clinical Director
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Date: December 7, 2007
Subject: Preparing for services to youth in BRS care

We believe that you may now or in the future be providing outpatient mental health services to youth placed in your community who are enrolled with MVBCN. This packet is our introduction to how this process will work for youth from our five counties: Linn, Marion, Polk, Yamhill and Tillamook.

We hope to make this process as straightforward as possible. At the same time, we want to maximize the opportunities for the youth's home county mental health system to be aware of their needs and available to collaborate with you to plan services that will support a smooth transition when the youth returns to us.

The MVBCN will collect credentialing information from agencies with the appropriate Certificates of Approval, and will maintain a list of approved out of area provider agencies. The enclosed document entitled **OUT OF AREA AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES** will establish your agency on that list. We encourage you to complete this and submit it to us by December 21 if possible. We will continue to build this list as we identify needed providers. Early submission will help expedite payment during the transition period for our youth currently in your care.

We are asking that authorizations for services for specific youth from our region are done by the youth's home county mental health agency. All of the instructions regarding eligibility, authorizations, and billings are contained in the enclosed document entitled **AUTHORIZATION PROCESS FOR MVBCN MEMBERS PLACED IN BRS PROGRAMS OUTSIDE OF OUR REGION**. The contact person for each county is listed on page 3.

If you currently have youth from our region in services, go ahead and communicate with the mental health contact in the home county to request an authorization. All of the MHO's have agreed to honor existing treatment arrangements through January and February while we get new agreements in place. However, early authorization requests will simplify your billing and expedite payment!

We look forward to working with you.

Let us know if you are having difficulties!