

TASK FORCE ON SPECIALTY COURTS

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RECOMMENDATION PROPOSAL

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What problem are you trying to solve?
Specialty Court populations require more intensive services to help sustain and maintain their recovery including consistent evidence-based practices, coordination of care, and treatment-adjacent activities. Currently, there is an inconsistent methodology for adequately funding behavioral health providers for their enhanced care and treatment-adjacent services (those that are not currently billable to insurance but are vital to treatment court operations and best practices).
Title of proposal (25 words or less):
OHA Billing modifier that reimburses for Specialty court clients
Task Force Study Topic (eligibility, accountability, administration, funding):
Funding
<u>Detailed</u> description of proposal (50 words or more):



We recommend that OHA add a billing modifier/enhanced rate [similar in design to the enhanced rates for Integrated Co-Occurring Disorder (ICOD) and Culturally- and Linguistically Specific Services (CLSS)] to provide uniform, consistent, appropriate funding to support behavioral health providers and the system in successfully delivering and coordinating the necessary enhanced holistic care for specialty court clients. Per the treatment court model and best clinical practices, these enhanced services and team-based care are required for all clients to actively engage in and maintain their recovery. Therefore, providers should be reimbursed at a higher rate to provide a higher level of service for these targeted populations.





Enforcement:

How will the legislature make sure the policy is followed, if applicable?

Report from OHA that the modifier/s has been implemented

Reporting mechanisms:

What information will be collected so the legislature knows if the policy is working as intended?

Treatment providers will report appropriate funding to support the complete cost of care for participating as a treatment provider within a specialty court (including but not limited to coordination activities, data gathering and reporting, treatment provider engagement and presence in court, engagement in MDTs, etc.)

Agency responsible for implementation:

OHA

