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To: Senate Health Care Committee

From: Nathan Roberts, FFS Operations Manager

Subject: Senate Bill 1569, relating to medical assistance payments for services provided to individuals with cognitive impairments.

Background:

The Alzheimer's Association along with bill sponsors identified a procedure code not experiencing uniform coverage, bringing this issue to the attention of OHA. Upon reviewing OHA systems, an oversight was identified. The procedure code for assessing and planning care for patients with impaired thought processing was included in the Oregon Health Plan benefit but not opened for payment.

Implementation:

OHA immediately updated systems, enabling coverage of this service. The procedure code is now open for payment.

The following steps are planned to inform Coordinated Care Organizations and providers of the update:

- Announce to CCOs by special memo to go out in February.
- Bring to CCO Operations Collaborative Committee and Quality and Health Outcomes Committee meetings to announce as soon as we can get on their agendas to present.
- Publicize by including in our next Fee Schedule by the end of March.
- Include in Provider Matters to reach health care providers.
- Work with Alzheimer's Association to announce to a larger provider audience.

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