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Subject: Change to mental health assessment timeline for Wraparound referrals

Effective Dec. 1, 2021, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) accepts mental health assessments for Wraparound referrals of Medicaid-eligible youth within the last year of the referral date. This variance to Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) [309-019-0163\(1\)\(b\)](#):

- Applies to all Wraparound programs until OHA permanently changes the OAR. When this change happens, we will let you know.
- Does not affect or apply to assessments required upon entry into Wraparound programs, described in OAR [309-019-0135\(3\)](#).

Why is this happening?

OHA recognizes the challenges related to completing mental health assessments within 60 days of a Wraparound referral as required by OAR 309-019-0163(1)(b). The goal is to decrease barriers for eligible youth enrolling in Wraparound.

What should you do?

No further action is needed at this time. If the coordinated care organization and Wraparound providers choose to change the eligibility criteria, this change should be widely communicated to system partners.

Questions?

- **Community mental health programs:** If you have questions about this change, please contact [your program's regionally assigned Compliance Specialist](#).
- **For other questions about this announcement:** Contact Nat Jacobs, LCSW, Wraparound Program Coordinator at nat.jacobs@dhsola.state.or.us.