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## Superintendent Message: OSH Welcomes Return of USDOJ

Some of you may have already heard about and have been discussing the USDOJ's return visit scheduled for the last week of July.

Because of all the changes and improvements we have made since the last review, this will be a welcome opportunity to showcase the good work all of you do every day.

I also want to acknowledge the work of our national consultants who have been an extraordinary help to us and have provided first-hand knowledge of other states' experience with the USDOJ. Their expertise, coupled with our own Continuous Improvement Plan, is steering our course toward a very different environment of care.

For those of you who participated in the 2006 review, the return engagement will be similar: visits to wards, interviews with staff, and requests for records and documents. What USDOJ will find, however, is a different hospital than the one visited in 2006.

With the CIP as guide, OSH has increased staffing levels, reduced use of seclusion and restraint, decreased patient falls, and increased active treatment among other improvements. You can all be proud of these accomplishments.

The USDOJ team will be here for a week beginning July 27 and will be housed in the Administration Building. As with the last visit, a team of legal experts from Oregon's Attorney General's Office also will be onsite that week to provide assistance.

In the coming weeks, we will be providing you with more information about the visit, including a FAQ (frequently asked questions) document. Meanwhile, please contact your supervisor or manager if you have questions.