

Adult Foster Home Provider Alert

Policy updates, rule clarifications and announcements

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To: APD Adult Foster Home Providers
From: Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit
Topic: **Virtual Admission and Readmission Screening Assessments**

To: All AFH Providers

Screening and assessments for new admissions and hospital discharges may be conducted virtually through applications such as FaceTime or Zoom, if necessary, for timely completion of the screening. Though in-person screening and assessment is preferred, we recognize that is not always an option given current COVID guidelines and the necessary safety precautions.

Providers are still required to follow department rules for readmission screenings outlined in OAR 411-051-0110.

The screening must:

- Evaluate the ability of the prospective resident to evacuate the home within three minutes along with all the occupants of the home.
- Determine if the licensee and caregivers can meet the prospective resident's needs in addition to meeting the needs of the other residents of the home.
- Include medical diagnoses, medications, personal care needs, nursing care needs, cognitive needs, communication needs, night care needs, nutritional needs, activities, lifestyle preferences, and other information, as needed, to assure the prospective resident's care needs shall be met.

In addition, readmission screenings must be conducted and documented to:

- Determine whether readmission to the home is appropriate for the classification of the home.
- Determine whether the licensee or administrator can continue to meet the resident's care and safety needs in addition to those of the other residents.
- Demonstrate compliance with these rules.
- If applicable, demonstrate the basis for refusing the resident's readmission to the home according to reasons identified in OAR 411- 050-0760(3).

Note: For a complete list of the requirements of admission screenings, see [OAR: 411-051-0110\(1\)-\(3\)](#) or click [here](#).

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