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To: Certified behavioral health organizations

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Subject: Implementation of QMHA and QMHP provider registration and certification

As you may know, the Mental Health and Addictions Certification Board of Oregon (MHACBO, formerly ACCBO) is changing the QMHA and QMHP credentialing process.

- Like other types of individual certification and licensure, QMHA/QMHP certification will require meeting specific educational, training and testing standards.
- Certification includes a [grandparenting phase](#) for current QMHAs and QMHPs.

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA), MHACBO, other stakeholders and behavioral health agencies are working together to support the new process, according to the following timeline:

- **12/31/2018:** Publish frequently asked questions, training requirements, testing requirements and a standard list of qualifying degrees on the [MHACBO](#) and [OHA](#) websites.
- **1/31/2019:** Begin [new applicant phase](#).
- **3/1/2019:** OHA site reviews will check whether QMHA/QMHP staff are completing certification.
- **4/1/2019:** OHA will amend Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) to reflect the new process.
- **5/31/2019:** Grandparenting phase ends.

Why is this happening?

The new standards and process will allow certifications to be portable across employment and agencies.

What should you do?

Please complete grandparenting for all eligible QMHA/QMHP staff; learn more on [the MHACBO website](#). All Clinical Supervisors who **do not** hold a license from a health or allied agency must do this by **May 31, 2019**. If they do not, they will need to complete the longer new applicant process.

Continue to enroll new staff as rendering providers with Oregon Medicaid, as appropriate.

Questions?

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and for your work supporting Oregonians across the state.