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Memorandum

To: 1915(i) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) providers and referring community partners

From: Jessica Carroll, Fee-for-Service Operations and Quality Assurance manager

Date: July 10, 2026

Subject: Change to interRAI Community Mental Health (CMH) assessment tool effective July 31, 2026

Starting July 31, 2026, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will use the interRAI CMH instrument to determine service eligibility for the 1915(i) HCBS program.

The interRAI CMH replaces the Level of Service Inventory (LSI) for 1915(i) HCBS. The LSI will continue to be used to assess needs of individuals younger than 21 years of age residing in Young Adults in Transition (YAT) Homes.

Why is this happening?

To support stronger person-centered care planning and better align rates with the overall costs of providing care, the interRAI CMH:

- Guides the collection of more behavioral information.
- Includes functional intensity measures to help individuals aid in their own defense.

- Allows care team member interviews and observations to inform the assessment and person-centered service planning.

What should you do?

Please refer to OHA's new [Assessment Process Guide](#) to:

- Learn how interRAI scores inform residential rates
- Review the process for functional needs assessments and person-centered service planning
- Review how to submit reconsiderations to the IQA (Comagine Health)

Questions?

For questions about the 1915(i) HCBS interRAI assessment process:

- Contact Comagine Health provider support at ORBHSupport@comagine.org

For questions about the interRAI tool or 1915(i) HCBS policy:

- [Visit OHA's HCBS 1915\(i\) page](#)
- Contact the 1915(i) HCBS Policy team at 1915i.MedicaidPolicy@odhsoha.oregon.gov