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To: PASRR Level II (SMI) Contractors and Clinicians

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Subject: Clarification about conducting PASRR Level II evaluations during the COVID-19 emergency

PASRR Level II (SMI) evaluations for nursing facility (NF) residents may only be conducted via telemedicine during the COVID-19 emergency, as described in the Oregon Health Authority's [May 7, 2020 announcement](#).

Why is this happening?

The May 7 announcement stated that providers may use telemedicine or in-person visits for PASRR Level II assessments. The Department of Human Services (DHS) has clarified that in-person visits to conduct these evaluations are not permitted according to their [visitation policy for long-term care facilities](#).

What should you do?

Until further notice, please provide PASRR Level II (SMI) evaluations via telemedicine only.

- Indicate in the body of the evaluation narrative that this evaluation was completed using telemedicine such as a digital platform, phone or tablet.
- Billing codes and the e-invoicing process remain unchanged. Current telemedicine billing guidance can be viewed [here](#).

To keep informed about DHS visitation policies during the COVID-19 emergency, [visit the DHS website](#).

Questions?

If you have any questions about this announcement, please contact Nirmala Dhar at nirmala.dhar@dhsosha.state.or.us.

Thank you for your continued support of the PASRR Program and the services you provide to our NF residents.