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To: PASRR Level II (SMI) Contractors and Clinicians

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Subject: Use of telemedicine to provide PASRR Level II Evaluations

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is resuming PASRR Level II (SMI) Evaluations for nursing facility (NF) residents effective May 7, 2020. OHA is rescinding [the March 23, 2020 transmittal](#) suspending PASRR Level II (SMI) Evaluations.

Why is this happening?

OHA received a temporary waiver from CMS as a part of the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration. The waiver gave OHA the authority to suspend the PASRR Level II assessments. OHA is ending the suspension period. Providers may use telemedicine or in-person visits for PASRR Level II assessments.

OHA is taking the actions listed above so individuals entering a NF with SMI indicators will get the evaluation they require and recommendation for necessary mental health services and treatment.

What should you do?

Effective May 7, 2020, PASRR Level II (SMI) Evaluations can be provided via telemedicine.

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

Questions?

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

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